

19 die in auto crash along Kano-Zaria highway

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KANO—No fewer than 19 persons, yesterday, lost their lives in an auto-crash in Bagauda near Nigeria Law School campus along Kano-Zaria highway.

It was gathered that the accident involved two commercial buses that collided.

The Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Sector Commander in Kano

State, Zubairu Mato, who confirmed the accident, said the buses carrying 45 passengers led to the death of 19 persons while 26 sustained injuries.

Mato said the injured persons were evacuated to Kura General Hospital while the corpses of the passengers were handed over to their relatives at Bebeji Police Division.

According to him, "We received a distress call at about 7:30 a.m. On receiving the information, we quickly dispatched our personnel and vehicle to the scene of the incident.

"A total of 45 passengers in two buses were involved in the accident. 19 died (14 adult males, four adult females and one male child) while 26 others sustained injuries.

"The accident occurred as a result of over-speeding, reckless driving and loss of control, which led to a head-on collision and the two vehicles went up in flame immediately.

"We advised motorists to avoid speeding, overtaking and reckless driving."