



10 die in auto crashes in Kwara, Bauchi

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TEN persons, yesterday, lost their lives in two different accidents that occurred at Falokun community along Offa-Ajase road in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State and along Bauchi-Jos Road, Bauchi State while many sustained injuries.

Six persons, reportedly, died when a Peugeot 406 salon car with number plate: RBC 424 DW, and a Mazda 323 vehicle with number plate: BWR 590 BJ had a head-on collision.

The State Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Jonathan Owoade, who confirmed the incident, attributed the tragedy to overspeeding and wrong overtaking.

Owoade expressed disappointment that the two drivers of the vehicles involved in the accident had no national drivers licence.

The sector commander also said items recovered from the scene of the crash included luggage, which he added had been handed over to the Police officers at Ajase Police Division.

He also said that the injured persons suffered injuries, adding that injured persons were taken to General Hospital, Offa while the corpses were deposited at General Hospital, Offa mortuary.

Also, yesterday, four persons reportedly lost their lives in an auto crash involving a Hummer bus and a Sharon bus, yesterday, along Bauchi-Jos Road while many sustained injuries.

According to an eyewitness, one of the vehicles involved went up in flames and was still burning at press time.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, who confirmed the incident, said: "There was an accident this afternoon around Buzaye town along Bauchi-Jos Road. As I speak with you, rescue operation by our men is ongoing at the scene of the accident.

"So, I cannot tell you the exact number of people killed. After the rescue operation, I'll make details available to you."