

Trailer kills 10 passengers, 30 cows in Katsina

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3 **A** trailer loaded with cows and passengers heading down south from Katsina State crashed at Gora village in Malumfashi Local Government Area of the state, killing no fewer than 10 passengers, 30 cows and injuring scores, yesterday.

An eyewitness, Mallam Bilya, said: "The trailer loaded with cows and passengers was heading to Warri, Delta State, from Dankama in Kaita LGA of Katsina State when it lost control at Gora village and somersaulted."

One of the surviving victims, currently receiving treatment at the Malumfashi General Hospital, said: "Most of the casualties are from Kaita LGA of Katsina State and their relatives have since been contacted."

Contacted, Public Relations Officer of Federal Roads Safety Corps, FRSC, in the state, Abubakar Usman, said: "The accident was a lone crash that happened at about 12.10 am of Thursday at Gora Ward of Malumfashi Local Government Area, involving a trailer with number plates KTN 495 XA, overladen with animals and passengers, en route southern Nigeria when it lost control at a sharp bend and crashed. We are yet to confirm the number of people that died but according to eyewitnesses and our men on rescue mission, they reported 30 cows dead.

On the number of passengers killed, the state FRSC PRO said: "Our accident investigation teams are there and we are waiting for their reports and will update you with the details later."