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11 die, 6 injured in Plateau, Niger auto crashes

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ELEVEN persons died while six others sustained injuries in two separate accidents in Plateau and Niger states, weekend.

1 In Jos, eight persons lost their lives and two others got injured in a road crash involving a Toyota Hiace bus and a Honda Pilot SUV along Lamingo road in Jos, Plateau State.

Confirming the incident, the Public Enlightenment Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, in the state, Peter Longsan, said the incident occurred due to overspeeding by one of the drivers.

According to him, "the crash involved two vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus and a Honda Pilot SUV. 10 people were all onboard, of which eight died (three adult males, four adult females and one child) while two sustained injuries.

"The two injured were taken to the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) by an FRSC Rescue Team for medical attention, while the corpses of the deceased were deposited at the old JUTH.

2 In the Niger State incident, three persons were killed, while four others sustained injuries in the auto crash at Gunu village in Munya Local Government Area of the state.

Sector Commander of the FRSC in Niger, Mr Kumar Tsukwam, yesterday, in Minna, said the accident involved a commercial bus and a saloon car.

"Seven persons were involved in the accident; three died, while four others sustained injuries. The dead and the injured were taken away by their family members.