

ROAD CRASH: 54 die in 2 separate auto accidents

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It was a harvest of death, yesterday, as about 54 people died in two separate accidents along Maiduguri-Damaturu road in Borno State and Kwali-Abaji highway, Abuja, while many were injured.

About 37 people were

reportedly burnt beyond recognition in the road accident that involved two Toyota Hi-Ace buses and one Volkswagen Golf saloon car along Maiduguri-Damaturu road, close to Jakana village in Borno State.

Zonal Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Zone 12 (Bauchi, Yobe and Borno States), Assistant Corps Marshal

•37 burnt to death along Maiduguri-Damaturu road •17 dead, 4 injured in Kwali-Abaji highway crash

Rotimi Adeleye, who disclosed this in Bauchi, said: "This is to intimate you of very fatal crashes at about 10am today (22/11/22) that occurred this morning along Maiduguri to Damaturu road, very close to a village called Jakana.

"Three vehicles were involved (Toyota Hi-Ace buses and a Volkswagen Golf saloon car). So far, 37 persons have been confirmed dead, eight injured and most of them burnt beyond recognition."

The FRSC deployed men for the rescue and has also liaised with the Borno State Commissioner of Police to obtain a court order for the mass burial of the victims, who were burnt beyond recognition.

"The Fire Service were also alerted, as one of the three vehicles involved was still burning, as of this time. The injured have been taken to the General Hospital in Maiduguri and the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, UMTH.

"The Toyota Hi-Ace buses were coming in opposite directions. One had its tyre burst and had a head-on collision, which resulted in the fire. The Golf, coming from behind, ran into them.

"Excessive overspeeding is the major cause. This was very avoidable."

Also, yesterday, the FRSC confirmed that 17 persons were killed, while four others were injured in an auto crash on Kwali-Abaji Road, before Awawa in the

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The Corps Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, in a statement in Abuja, said the crash which occurred at about 6:30 a.m. involved two vehicles—a DAF Trailer and a Toyota Bus.

He said that the 22 persons involved in the accident were all males, adding that the injured victims were provided first aid treatment by rescue workers before being taken to the hospital.

"Out of 22 victims, four persons sustained various degrees of injury, 17 died while one was rescued without any injury.

Meanwhile, the Borno Police Command, yesterday, also confirmed the death of two policemen in an auto crash in which 17 others were injured on Monday along Hawan Kibo road in Plateau while the policemen were en route Uyo for the 2022 Police Games.

The command Public Relations Officer, Sani Shatambaya, said that the contingent was to represent Zone 15 comprising Borno and Yobe commands at the Biannual Police Games in Uyo, Akwa Ibom.

The spokesman said that the accident occurred due to brake failure, adding that those who died were female constables.

"The Commissioner of Police, Borno Command, regrets the unfortunate accident, noting that the persons who lost their lives and the injured victims have been conveyed back to Maiduguri," he added.

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So far, 37 persons have been confirmed dead, eight injured and most of them burnt beyond recognition. Four persons also sustained various degrees of injuries, while 17 died and one was rescued without any injury, in another auto crash on Kwali-Abaji road