

6 dead, 11 injured in Kaduna–Zaria road auto crash

Also yesterday, six persons died and 11 sustained injuries in a road crash on the Kaduna-Zaria expressway.

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kaduna Sector Commander, Mr Kabir Nadabo, disclosed in Kaduna that the auto crash occurred at Aliko filling station on the Kaduna-Zaria expressway, yesterday, at about 06:25hrs. Nadabo said the multiple accident was caused by speeding and dangerous driving, which resulted in the temporary halting of movement of motorists.

He noted that the rescue team of Zebra 35 Rigachikun responded promptly to the scene and conducted the rescue. “The initial investigation of the crash revealed that 23 people were involved in the crash, 11 were injured and sadly, six people lost their lives,” Nadabo said.

He said the investigation revealed that the Toyota bus was coming from Ilesha and heading to Batsari in Katsina State, adding: “The driver was at high speed, lost control and rammed into a moving vehicle, thus causing the crash.”

Nadabo said most of the road traffic crashes on the highway were caused by motorists not from Kaduna State, but mostly from other states and were due to fatigue.

He stated that as the lead agency in transport management and road safety, the FRSC was saddened by this unfortunate but avoidable incident.

“The corps in Kaduna State will continue to perform its statutory duty of saving lives and properties and most fundamentally, creating awareness on the dangers of Road safety vices and unethical road culture,” he said.