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Nigeria: Auto Crashes Kill Six in Zamfara, Two in Kaduna

Samuel Ariwan

20 May 2010

Kaduna — Six people lost their lives, while 38 others sustained serious injuries in a ghastly motor accident on Shinkafi-Kaura-Namoda road yesterday.

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The FRSC Unit Commander of Kaura-Namoda Zone, Mr Sani Abdulsamad, said in Kaura-Namoda that the accident occurred at Moriki, Zamfara, at about 9 a.m. He said six persons died on the spot while 38 injured passengers were taken to Kaura-Namoda General Hospital for medical attention.

Abdulsamad disclosed that the victims were traders on their way to Kaura-Namoda.

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The FRSC officials said the accident occurred when an articulated vehicle carrying 82 passengers skidded off the road and somersaulted. He said the driver, who was alleged to be over-speeding lost control after a burst tyre on reaching a narrow bend.

Abdulsamad advised drivers to always abide by traffic rules and regulations in order to save lives. He lamented that inspite of the enlightenment efforts of the commission, accidents still frequently occur on the road.

Meanwhile, a petrol tanker yesterday killed two persons in Kaduna, a commercial motorcyclist and an Indian.

The incident occurred along the busy Independence Way. The victim's bodies were mutilated.

According to an eye witness, Hassan Abubakar, also a 'okada' rider, "They were coming from Kanta Road, and on entering Independence Way, the man riding the motorcycle got frightened by a donkey in company of other donkey riders and the tanker coming from their back hit them. All their heads were cut off and their bodies mutilated and soaked in blood."

Operation Yaki policemen now came in convoy and took their corpses to Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital".

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