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NRSA EXPRESSES DISQUIET OVER WEEKEND CRASHES

The Authority regrets the number of road traffic crashes recorded last weekend. Four (4) separate road crashes occurred in the Eastern, Oti and Greater Accra regions leading to 17 reported deaths with several cases of injuries among others.

Preliminary investigations indicated that excessive speeding, wrongful overtaking, inattentiveness, disabled vehicles and fatigue are the critical contributory factors to the crashes recorded.

The National Road Safety Authority expresses its condolences to the families of the deceased persons and wishes the injured a speedy recovery. Consistent with policy, the Authority has commissioned investigation into the crashes.

In the interim, the Authority is scaling up the 'Stay Alive' campaign for 2022 and the related media and outreach programmes. Further, Road Safety Inspectors have been deployed at major transport terminals to ensure compliance to road safety directives on two drivers per long-distance route and the use of vehicle logbooks, among others.

To complement these efforts, the Authority appeals to the Inspector General of Police (IGP) for an increased presence of the police on high-risk corridors to help enforce traffic regulations, including excessive speeds by drivers.

The Authority has noted that, despite the frequent occurrence of the road traffic crashes, its resultant injuries and death have declined by 3.7% and 9.2% respectively in the month of January and February, 2022 as compared to the same period in 2021.

However, the last few days have seen a rise in crashes which may not necessarily mean a rise in crashes or crises situation.

The Authority calls for calm and support from the public for the operationalization of its mandate and implementation of existing strategies to improve the road safety situation.

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SUMMARY OF WEEKEND CRASHES

SN	LOCATION, DATE AND TIME	NO. OF VEHICLES	NO. OF CASUALTIES	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT
1	Jasikan–Bowri Kyirahene, Oti Region Saturday 12 th March, 2022 at 3:00pm.	2	3 dead, several injured	Sprinter Bus with registration no. GN 4310-19 driving towards Jasikan decided to overtake a taxi cab and had a head-on collision with a Toyota Fish (GT 6079-20) which was moving in the opposite direction.
2	Achimota Overhead, N1, Accra, Greater Accra	2	No deaths, 2 Injured	A truck with registration no. GC 7102-21 moving from Lapaz towards Tema veered off its lane into the opposite lane crashing into a Toyota saloon vehicle with registration no. GW 1015-21
3	Oframase, near Nkawkaw, Eastern Region Early hours of Sunday 13 th March, 2022	2	5 dead, several injured	Sprinter Bus with registration no. GC 6521-21 run into stationary truck with registration no. 9290 D 03 originated from Burkina Faso
4	Asuboi, Eastern Region	2	9 dead, several injured	Hyundai Universe bus with registration no. AK 324-22 transporting students of University of Education (UEW) from Sunyani towards Accra crashed into a 40-footer container loaded with wood which had fallen partially on the road after a previous accident.
	Total		17 dead, several injured	