

Peru: 48 People Die from Bus Crash



Lima, January 3 (RHC)-- At least 48 people were killed in Peru when a bus collided with a truck and plummeted 100 meter down a cliff and landed upside down north of the capital Lima, emergency services officials said.

The accident on Tuesday took place on the Panamericana Norte highway near the area of Pasamayo on the Pacific coast.

The new death toll of 48 was updated from 36 people, according to Lewis Mejia Prada, a representative of the local fire-fighting company, and police late Tuesday.

The health ministry said six survivors had so far been pulled from the wreckage and taken to hospital.

Road accidents are common in Peru because of unsafe highways. Police are investigating Tuesday's accident.

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