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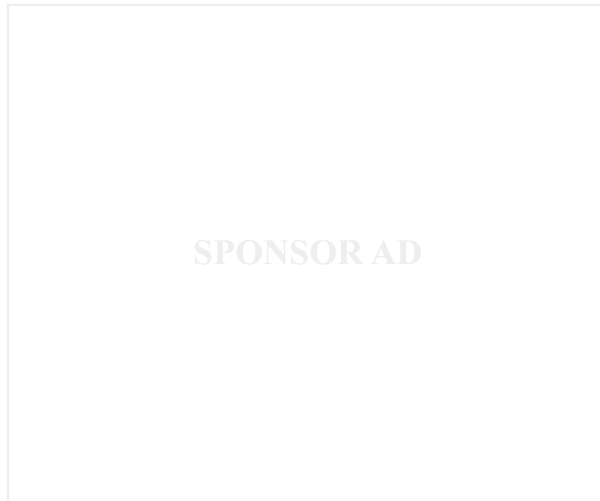


A tragic accident occurred on Thursday morning in Abuja when a man, whose identity was yet to be confirmed at press time, died instantly after crashing into a stationary trailer while rushing his sick father to the hospital.

The accident happened near the popular police signpost at Lugbe along the Airport Road. Eyewitnesses said the man, who was

driving a Toyota Highlander SUV with his ailing father inside, rammed into the trailer from behind.

They said the impact trapped him behind the steering wheel, killing him on the spot. The father survived the crash.



According to witnesses, the man was allegedly on a phone call moments before he lost control and hit the parked trailer.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) from the Lugbe Unit Command quickly arrived at the scene and evacuated the trapped driver to the hospital. The sick father was also moved to a private hospital in Sabon-Lugbe for treatment.

It was gathered that the deceased was speeding toward the same Sabon-Lugbe hospital when the accident occurred.

The FCT Sector Commander of the FRSC, Mr. Felix Theman, has confirmed the incident.

However, an FRSC official at the Lugbe Unit Command, who preferred anonymity, confirmed the incident, attributing the crash to the driver's alleged phone use while speeding to take his father to the hospital.

Abuja Groovy December Festival to attract 20 million tourists- Organisers

The Emerging Abuja Projects, organisers of Abuja's first-ever Groovy December Festival, says the initiative aims to attract up to 20 million tourists over the next four years.

The Project Coordinator, Dr Kenneth Ibe-Kalu, said this on Tuesday during the "Walk for Tourism" awareness event held across key locations in Abuja ahead of the official festival launch.

"The Walk for Tourism is designed to excite residents and build anticipation for the festival.

"Groovy December is a series of more than 35 events that will showcase our city's rich culture, tourism, and entertainment offerings to Nigerians and the diaspora," Ibe-Kalu added.

He explained that 45 coordinators are engaging Nigerians abroad to promote the festival and encourage international participation.

“We want Abuja to become a major destination for cultural tourism.

“Festival activities will include hiking and guided tours at Karshi Waterfalls and Ushafa Village, food festivals, Suya competitions, and football tournaments.

“These activities are meant to offer something for everyone; residents, tourists, and families alike.

“Cultural showcases will feature the Culture Fest, Miss Groovy December, and Groovy Tombola.

“Local vendors will also have the opportunity to showcase and sell their products, boosting small business growth during the festival.

“We are confident that Groovy December will become a signature event for the city and the country, he said.

Ibe-Kalu emphasised the partnership between private organisers and government agencies, noting that security measures have been fully implemented to ensure a safe environment for all participants.