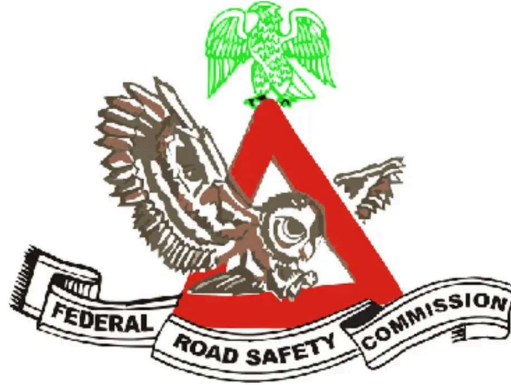


4 Killed, 7 Injured In Kogi Auto Crash



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Four passengers have been killed and seven others injured in a ghastly road accident along the Lokoja Ajaokuta road in Kogi State.

The incident occurred around 7am on Sunday when a commercial bus rammed into a stationary articulated vehicle during a failed overtaking attempt.

Eyewitnesses said the crash involved an 18-seater bus with Abuja registration number ABC 232 XA, which was heading towards Abuja, and a trailer with Kaduna registration number 704 XC.

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Both vehicles reportedly collided with a stationary articulated truck while attempting to overtake on the highway.

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The accident left the bus badly damaged, with debris and the fallen trailer blocking the road and bringing vehicular movement to a standstill for several hours.

Confirming the incident, the Kogi State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Tenimu Yusuf Etuku, said three passengers died instantly at the scene, while another victim was confirmed dead on arrival at a hospital in Lokoja.

He added that the seven injured passengers sustained varying degrees of injuries and were evacuated to hospitals in Lokoja, where they are currently receiving treatment.

Etuku advised motorists to exercise caution, especially as the festive season approaches, and urged them to adhere strictly to speed limits to reduce avoidable accidents on the highways.