

Kogi road accident claims 16 lives

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The **Federal Roads Safety Corps** (FRSC) has confirmed that 16 people died in a road accident at Aku village along the Okene–Lokoja Road, Kogi State.

Six people also sustained varying degrees of injuries in the accident which occurred on Thursday night.

The Corps Commander, Lawan Fagge, revealed that the accident, which happened at about 9:20 p.m, involved a white commercial Toyota Hiace bus.

Faggae disclosed that 22 people were involved in the lone crash, comprising 21 male adults and one female adult.

He revealed that 16 victims — 15 male adults and one female adult — died on the spot, while the remaining six male passengers sustained varying degrees of injuries.

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The FRSC sector commander said preliminary investigations showed that fatigue and speeding were responsible for the road accident.

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He added that the vehicle was travelling from Plateau State capital, Jos, to Lagos State before the accident occurred.

Fagge further revealed that one of the rescued victims was taken to the Specialist Hospital, Lokoja, while the other five injured passengers were receiving treatment at Osara Hospital.

The FRSC official condemned night journeys undertaken without adequate rest, stressing that the driver could have stopped at a park to rest before continuing the trip.