

THREE policemen with the Kogi Police Command died in an accident on Abaji-Lokoja road on Tuesday, the police told the *News Agency of Nigeria*. (NAN).

The police, who conveyed the remains of the dead and injured to Lokoja on Tuesday, said the accident occurred near Abaji in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

NAN learnt that the accident happened when one of the trucks conveying the policemen from Abuja to Lokoja collided with a Peugeot 406 car.

3 policemen die in accident on Abuja-Lokoja highway

NAN learnt that the policemen were on election duty in the FCT during Saturday's council polls.

A Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) source said one of the vehicles might have been trying to overtake another vehicle when the collision occurred.

The Kogi Police Command Public Relations Officer, ASP

Abubakar Mohammed, confirmed the incident and added that 14 others sustained serious injuries in the incident.

"Right now, our O/C Medical is at the Federal Medical Centre with the victims.

"The command is trying its best to see that all necessary steps are taken in order to ensure that they are

well treated," he said.

Speaking with newsmen, the Chief Medical Director of the hospital, Dr Gbadebo Eleshin, said the bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the hospital mortuary, while the injured were receiving treatment.

NAN learnt that 250 policemen were deployed from Kogi to the FCT for the council polls of Saturday.