

Three killed in Gombe accident

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A trailer carrying cattle has rammed into an oncoming lorry conveying 65 passengers and their goods killing three and leaving 16 others critically injured at the early hours of Saturday along Gombe-Yola road. Confirming the accident to newsmen, the Gombe state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Francis Udoma, said the mishap occurred a few kilometers from Gombe metropolis when the trailer developed a technical fault causing a break-away between the trailer and its head. He said the trailer after dislodging from the head hit an oncoming lorry carrying traders with their goods heading to a village market leaving killing two people on the spot while the head of the trailer, after the break away, hit a motorcyclist killing him instantly. He said the injured were hurriedly taken to the state specialist hospital and the Federal Medical Centre, Gombe for medical attention while injured cows were slaughtered by good samaritans to minimize loss to their owners.