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## Eight die in Kwali auto crash



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Eight persons died Sunday night in a fatal accident that occurred at Pirivillage, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway. An eyewitness said the crash involved a Daf truck without registration number that was loaded with bags of cement and a J5 bus with registration number XA 474 SHM.

He said the truck overtook a vehicle in a dangerous manner and later hit the J5 bus that was coming from Zaria. "The bus lost control and fell into a ditch, killing eight persons on the spot," the witness said.

Our reporter gathered that the truck, which was conveying cement from Obajana to Abuja, had three persons and the driver in the front seat, while four persons were sitting on top of the cement at the back of the truck.

Confirming the incident, the Kwali Unit Commander of FRSC, Mr. Tukur D. Sifawa, said the four persons sitting on top of the cement were trapped to death by the cement that fall on them.

He said the dead victims have been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital by FRSC rescue team officials.

Similarly, three persons also died on Monday afternoon in another accident that occurred at Kwaita village.

The accident involved a Toyota bus with registration number XC 743 KAK that had 10 passengers on board.

The FRSC Kwali unit commander, who also confirmed the crash, said the corpses have been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue, while the injured victims are at the Kwali General Hospital.

According to the commander, the bus was hit by a trailer that ran away after the accident.

He warned motorists to desist from dangerous overtaking and night journey, saying such actions have claimed many lives.

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