

# Three mourners die in auto crash at Ahoko

**T**hree mourners at the weekend lost their lives while twelve others, including a four-year-old girl sustained various degrees of injuries in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Ahoko bridge, along Abaji-Lokoja expressway.

An eye witness, Gambo Saidu said the accident occurred when a truck rammed into the mourners bus, killing three of them on the spot.

"The loud sound from the crash scene made the villagers including myself rush there and we discovered that the crashed bus was carrying a coffin that had scattered to pieces," he stated.

He said further search in the bus led to the discovery of the corpses of a male and female.

The witness disclosed further that officials of Abaji Unit Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission

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(FRSC) evacuated the injured to the hospital, while the dead were taken to Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital's Mortuary.

Our reporter learnt that the bus contained mourners that were conveying the corpse of a staff of PSS Security Company to Dekina town in Kogi State for burial.

One of the mourners disclosed that the late security personnel was attack and killed by armed robbers, who strangled him with a rope at the company's premises.

A nurse at the hospital told our reporter that the mother of the four-year-old girl died in the crash.

Commenting on the accident, the Abaji Commander of FRSC, Mr. O.J Ojerinde said that the driver of the truck was immediately arrested and handed over to the

police at Gegu Town for prosecution.

In another development, three persons were seriously injured on Thursday when a Mercedes Benz truck collided with a Nissan Primera Car along Abaji-Lokoja expressway.

Garba Dantani, an eyewitness said FRSC officials rushed to the scene and took the injured to the Abaji General Hospital.

Also on the same road last Friday afternoon, three persons were also injured in another accident (near Conoil, Abaji) that involved a 18-seat Toyota Hiace Bus with registration number XA 353 AKR and a Toyota Camry car with registration number MN995AA

The Abaji Unit Commander of the FRSC confirmed the accident and blamed bus driver for dangerous overtaking while on top speed.

The FRSC commander also has expressed worries over accident victim's luggage's.

He said some of the luggages have been at the unit command's office for over three years without people coming forward for them.

He said the command has written to its head office on the issue of dispatching the unclaimed luggage's to orphanages, adding that as soon as approval is given they would be sent there.

Unclaimed property seen by our reporter were cartons of broken plates, traveling bags containing clothes, tyres, cooking pots, motor jacks, wind screen, bags containing shoes, containers of palm oil, sacks of food stuffs and others.

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