

Army officer, orderly die in auto crash

An army officer whose names were given as Lt. Col. M.S Sanusi and his orderly, Danjuma Haruna, last Thursday died, while his driver sustained serious injuries in a motor accident along the Lokoja Abuja- highway.

The accident which happened at about 10 am at

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read to the accused in court, he denied them and requested for bail.

Magistrate Elizabeth Wonni granted him bail in the sum of N30, 000 with a surety in like sum. The surety must live within the jurisdiction of the court with a fixed address.

The case was adjourned to September 8 for hearing.

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Ahoko village, 14 kilometers from Abaji town, involved the official Peugeot (504) Saloon army colour car with registration number NA 338 BOB.

The operational heads of the Abaji Unit Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Baba A. Bagudu, who confirmed the accident to our reporter, said the driver was trying to overtake a vehicle and in the process lost control and crashed into a tree, killing the army officer and his orderly on the spot.

He said before the arrival of the FRSC rescue team to the scene of the crash, the driver had already been conveyed by sympathizers to the Federal Medical Record Hospital, Lokoja, Kogi

State. He said the two corpses were conveyed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Morgue by the FRSC rescue team.

Our reporter learnt from hospital sources that two military ambulances from Abuja led by one Lt. Col. S.G Mustapha, on receiving information about the crash, rushed to the hospital and collected the corpses to Abuja.

City News further gathered that the (deceased) Lt. Col. M.S Sanusi was the Assistant Chief Imam of the Islamic Affairs Unit, Nigeria Army, Lagos, and was on his way to Abuja when the accident happened.

Mr. Bagudu further disclosed that another multiple accident occurred at the scene involving four vehicles.

He said the multiple crashes were as a result of speed violation and brake failure, adding that all the occupants in the four vehicles escaped unhurt.

In a related development, five persons were seriously injured on Wednesday in a motor accident which occurred along Kwali -Lokoja road.

The accident which occurred at around 5 pm at Kwali Market junction, involved a Golf car with registration number XA 186 AUY and a Mack truck with registration number XA 638 KJH.

The Kwali Assistant Corps Commander of the FRSC, Mr. Tukur D. Sifawa, who confirmed the accident, said the mishap happened as a result of dangerous overtaking by the driver of the Golf car.

He said the Golf driver was conveying six passengers from Gwagwalada and while trying to drop a passenger at Kwali, he overtook dangerously and rammed into the Mack truck coming from the opposite direction thereby injuring six persons on board the vehicle.

He said he received a signal immediately the accident occurred and ordered the FRSC rescue team to rush to the scene of the crash and evacuate the victims to Kwali General Hospital.

At the Kwali General Hospital yesterday, three of the victims were seen receiving treatment, while a nurse disclosed that others had been treated and discharged.

16-yr-old marriage between German, Nigerian woman dissolved

A Customary Court in Gwagwalada Friday dissolved the 16 year-old marriage between a German man, Mr Rolf Schneider and his Nigerian wife Felicia.

The court awarded the custody of the couple's twin children, Juan and Juanita, to the father.

The court, however, noted that there was no disagreement between the parties and granted Felicia access to the children with the liberty to visit them after giving a 24-hour notice to their father.

"Felicia has the right to visit the two children of the marriage in the petitioner's residence four times in a month.

"And the visit shall be carried out in a peaceful manner in the interest of the children," the judge declared.

Juwobor said that the children's custody, guardianship and all other responsibilities had been ceded to their father.

He however, gave either of the parties who were unhappy with the court's decision the right to appeal against

the judgment at the FCT Customary Court of Appeal within 30 days.

Responding, Felicia said that she had no other choice than to comply with the court's decision in the interest of peace.

"I would have loved a situation where I would be left alone with the children," she, however, said.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) reports that Schneider filed the case seeking the dissolution of the marriage, a refund of the dowry and the custody of his two children.