Seven accident victims buried in Kogi

From Sam Egwu, Lokoja

even unidentified bodies of victims of an accident along the Okene-Lokoja-Abuja road were yesterday given mass burial by the Lokoja Local Government Area near Banda in Kogi State yesterday.

The accident occured around 10:00am at Mack's Farm, a few kilometres away from Osara, which hosts the satellite campus of the Kogi Polytechnic.

Three vehicles, a tanker, a truck and a pickup crashed into one another. According to the Public Relations Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission in Kogi State, Mr Joe Balogun, the tanker burst into flames from the impact of the collision, burning all the occupants beyond recognition.

Daily Trust learnt that some bodies were mangled beyond identification, which made it impossible to trace their addresses.

The accident brought traffic to a very pathetic state with passengers stranded, waiting for the authorities to clear the road.

It would be recalled that a similar accident at Jamata along Lokoja-Abuja road affected free flow of traffic two weeks ago, making some travelers to spend three days on the road.

When contacted, the police spokesman, Mr Inalegwu Onum was said to have traveled out of town on official duty.