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Three men Sunday morning lost their lives, while one other was seriously injured in a motor accident that occurred along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eye witness said the accident happened around 6.26 am at a spot close to Conoil filling station in Abaji. He said the driver of a Mandiesel truck with registration number XA 450 STK ran into a road blockage suspected to have been placed by armed robbers.

“The truck driver was coming from Gwagwalada axis on top speed and he rammed into heavy logs of wood used to block the road, after which he lost control and crashed into a ditch, killing three persons on the spot,” the witness said.

Our reporter learnt that the woods were abandoned on the road after a two hour successful robbery operation.

City News further learnt that the corpses were deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital by FRSC official on rescue mission.

A nurse at the hospital disclosed that one of the victims that suffered severe head injury has been transferred to another hospital.

Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, the Abaji Unit Commander of the FRSC confirmed the incident, while the Abaji Divisional Police Officer, Dan Hajji, could not be reached for comment on the incident.

Similarly, one person lost his life while seven others were injured in another accident that occurred on the same day at Aseni village, near Koton- Karfe town.

An eye witnesses said the accident involved a Toyota Carina car with registration number BD 320KUJ and a Volkswagen Golf car with registration number AA 642 WRR.

He said the driver of the Toyota car overtook dangerously and collided head-on with the Golf car that was coming from the opposite direction.

“The dead body of a female was taken to the mortuary by FRSC officials,” he said.

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FRSC unit commander in Abaji, Mr. Ojerinde disclosed that four injured persons were taken to the hospital while the dead female's corpse has been deposited at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue.

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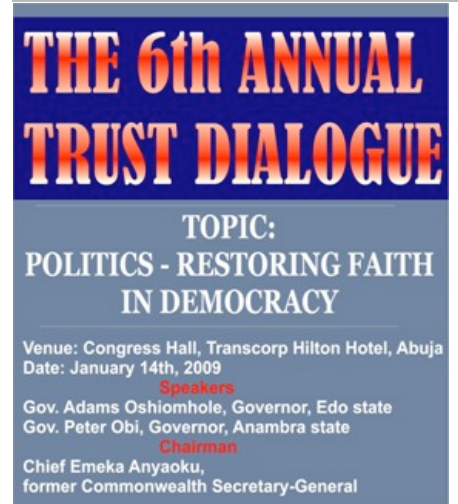
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