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Eight persons, including a child lost their lives Saturday morning, while five others sustained serious injuries in a multiple car crash that occurred at Abaji town, along the Abuja- Lokoja highway.

An eye witness said the accident was caused when the driver of a Volkswagen Golf car belonging to the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) tried to catch up with a commercial bus that picked a passenger on the road.

“For fear of being apprehended by the union, the bus driver after crossing a bridge made a U- turn and in the process, a truck loaded with cement that was on top speed rammed into the bus, killing eight of its passengers on the spot, while other vehicles coming behind the truck also crashed into the truck.

He said the union driver fled the accident scene on noticing the accident and immediately went into hiding at Naharati community.

When our reporter visited the accident scene Saturday, there was a traffic jam as road safety officials made efforts to clear six vehicles that were involved in the crash.

FRSC Abaji Unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, blamed the NURTW driver for causing the accident.

He said the corpses were conveyed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital by the FRSC rescue team, while those that were injured are at the Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

In another accident Sunday morning, one person died while two others sustained various degrees of injuries at Yangoji village, near Kwali town.

The accident which happened at about 3 am, involved a Volkswagen Golf car with registration number AJ 618 BLK and a Mercedes Luxury bus with registration number XF 720 NSH.

Kwali Unit Commander of the FRSC, Mr. Tukur D. Sifawa, while confirming the accident, blamed it on the Golf driver, whom he said was on top speed, and in the process lost control and crashed into the luxury bus.

He said the body of the victim has been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, while the two injured persons are at Kwali General Hospital.

Mr. Sifawa appealed to Kwali Acting Chairman, Mr. Danlami Saleh Yebu, to expedite action in the construction of parking spaces for heavy trucks near Slan filling station at Yangoji and he also advised motorists and commuters to avoid night journeys.

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