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A passenger at the back of a commercial motor-cycle (okada) was on Wednesday evening crushed to death by a motorist that disobeyed traffic signal at Gado Nasko junction, along Kubwa-Deidei expressway.

The deceased, Sani Maradi of Dutsen-Bakuma village, Abuja, was on the passenger seat of a motorcycle ridden by one Danhajiya Alhaji, when a BMW car, driven by one Michael Alonomoh hit the motorcycle, killing the passenger and seriously injuring the rider.

An eye witness said the car was coming from the Federal Housing, Kubwa and did not obey the signal from a traffic warden.

"A traffic warden directing traffic at the junction asked him to stop but he sped on and in the process hit a motorcycle," the witness said.

He said the passenger on the bike was not wearing a helmet and died on the spot, while the rider who wore one only sustained injuries.

Our reporters also gathered that the passenger's corpse and the injured cyclist were conveyed to the Kubwa General Hospital by policemen.

Reacting to the accident, Kubwa's Divisional Traffic Officer, James Ojia, said the remains of the deceased has been released to his relations, while the injured rider has been treated and discharged from the hospital.

Ojia further disclosed that the suspected motorist, an auto mechanic, is presently in police custody, adding that the car and the motorcycle have been impounded by the police.

"The suspect is now in police custody and his car together with the motorcycle have been impounded, while investigation is still ongoing, after which the suspect will be charged to court," Ojia added.

The traffic officer reiterated the need for motorcyclists and their passengers to always wear crash helmets, nothing that if the late passenger had worn the safety device, he would not have sustained those head injuries that led to his death.

He equally warned motorists and other roads users to always obey traffic regulations.

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