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Four persons died last Thursday while nine others sustained serious injuries in an accident that involved a trailer and three vehicles at Kugbo, along the Nyanya expressway in Abuja.

An eyewitness said the trailer with registration number XQ182ABC failed its brake while on top speed and rammed into a commuter bus with registration number XA649MBD.

"The bus after being hit by the trailer, hit a Mercedes Benz 190 car with registration number BB858ABJ and a Golf car with registration number FX219EKY," he said.

According to him, officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Nyanya responded immediately and conveyed the dead and injured to Asokoro General Hospital.

When contacted, the Nyanya Unit Commander of the FRSC, Apochi Godwin, confirmed the accident, saying it was caused by brake failure on the part of the trailer.

He said the drivers of the trailer and all the vehicles involved have been handed over to the Karu police for investigations and possible prosecution.

The commander called on relations of the deceased victims to come forward with proof of identity to claim their property, adding that N50, 000 was recovered as well as luggages at the accident scene.

He also appealed to motorists to put their vehicles in proper shape before they put them on the roads.

"Road users should obey traffic regulations and respect other road users' rights as well as cooperate with the FRSC in its bid to reduce carnage to the barest minimum," the commander said.

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