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## Four die in auto crash at Kugbo

**F**our 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

By **Ibraheem A. Fatai & Hussein Yahaya**

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.

## Woman in court over assault

By **Usman A. Bello**

**A** 23-year-old lady was yesterday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly assaulting a man.

The accused, Ogadinmaa Obasi, with one other, said to be at large, were said to have beaten up one Emmanuel Nwokeke and in-

flicted injury on him.

Prosecutor Musa Abdullahi told the court that on March 3, 2009, the complainant reported to the police that when he went to Crush Rock Camp in Mpape to drop his son at school, the

accused conspired with one I. K Obasi to assault and injure him.

The prosecutor stated further that the complainant was rushed to the hospital for treatment due to the injury.

When the charge was read to the accused, he denied it