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One dies in auto crash at Gwagwalada

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One person died while ten others were seriously injured in a ghastly motor accident that occurred Tuesday morning at Gwako village, along the Abuja-lokoja highway

The accident involved a Man diesel truck with registration number XC 191 BUU and a 14 -seat Datsun bus with registration number XD 310 BAN that carried 10 passengers.

An eyewitness said the accident was caused by the truck, which broke down in the centre of the road.

"The bus driver overtook dangerously on high speed and in the process rammed into the broken down truck, killing one person instantly," he said. According to him, 12 other persons that had injuries were immediately rescued and conveyed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada by Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials of the Gwagwalada Unit Command.

Mr. James K. Adamu, the Gwagwalada unit commander of the FRSC, confirmed the incident and said that the injured victims are responding to treatment while the dead person has been deposited in a morgue.

He also said the obstruction has been cleared after the truck's goods were off loaded.

In another accident, 16 persons sustained various degrees of injuries Sunday evening when a bus with registration number XK 6335 SMK lost control and crashed into a ditch at Gada- Biyu village.

According to an eye witness, the bus driver tried to overtake in top speed and his vehicle had brake failure that led to its crash in a ditch.

"About 16 of the bus passengers sustained injuries and were rescued by passersby and FRSC officials," he added.

The Abaji Unit commander of the FRSC, Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, while confirming the accident, blamed its cause on the bus driver, whom he said over sped.

He said the driver sustained spinal cord injuries and was taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja, while the 16 other victims are receiving treatment at Abaji General Hospital.

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