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Two die in auto crash at Orehi

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TWO persons lost their lives Saturday morning, while another two sustained various degrees of injuries in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Orehi village, near Kotonkarfe town, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident involved a Daf tanker with registration number XB 296 KJR.

"The tanker, which was on top speed, suddenly lost control and crashed into a ditch, killing two persons on the spot," the witness said.

He said immediately after the accident, officials of the Kotonkarfe unit command of the Federal Road Safety

Commission (FRSC) rushed to the scene and immediately evacuated the injured and dead to hospital.

Our reporter gathered at the scene of the crash that one of the dead was a farmer that was going to his farm when the tanker crushed him.

Commenting on the accident, Operational Head of FRSC Kotonkarfe Command, Mr. Hassan Maikano, attributed its cause to speed violation.

He said the corpse of the famer was collected by his relatives at the scene of the crash, while the body of the tanker driver was taken to the Federal Medical Centre's Mortuary at Lokoja.

According to him, two other victims that were seriously injured were conveyed to Kotonkarfe General Hospital.

The FRSC operational head further disclosed that one person sustained serious injury in another accident that occurred Wednesday morning at Okpaka village.

He said the accident occurred when the driver of a Honda car with out number plate overtook dangerously and crashed into a tree by the side of the road.

"Three occupants inside the car escaped unhurt, while the driver sustained injuries and was immediately taken to Kotonkarfe General Hospital," he added.