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Nine die in Omoko auto crash

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NINE persons died while five others sustained various degrees of injuries, Friday afternoon, in a fatal accident that occurred at Omoko village along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred at about 2:30 pm involving a Toyota Camry car with registration number BZ 238 RSH and a Peugeot station Wagon with registration number AB 374 AKD.

He said the Toyota camry car overtook dangerously at a sharp bend and collided with the Peugeot car, killing nine persons including three children on the spot. "Five passengers inside the peugoet car who sustained injuries were taken to the Abaji General Hospital, by officials of the Abaji unit command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC)," he said.

The Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, while confirming the accident, blamed the Toyota Camry car driver for dangerous overtaking, adding that if the driver had been patient, the accident would have been averted.

He said the corpses have been deposited at Ankuri hospital morgue, Lokoja while the five injured passengers were conveyed to Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

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