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Army officer dies in Kwali auto crash

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A senior military officer, Lt. Col. U.A Zoaka, at the weekend lost his life in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Gari -Sabo village, near Kwali, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident happened at about 11. 48 am and involved a DAF trailer with registration number XA 144 SUN that overtook dangerously and had a head on collision with the military officer's Toyota Starlet car with registration number AA 147 GRZ, killing him on the spot.

Our reporter learnt from another witness that the late Azoaka was coming from Edo State after attending a course at Auchi and was heading to Kaduna when the incident happened.

The witness also stated that two occupants inside the Daf trailer sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the hospital.

Commenting on the incident, Yangoji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abdullahi Umar, blamed the accident on the Daf trailer driver, whom he accused of dangerous overtaking.

He said officials from the army headquarters in Abuja brought an ambulance to collect the corpse of the officer.

The FRSC unit commander also disclosed that one also died, while five others sustained injuries Thursday morning in another accident that involved a Man diesel truck with registration number XA 914 EHR and a Mark truck with registration number XA 911 GRM at Piri village, along the same road.

According to him, the accident happened when the Man diesel truck veered off from his lane after the driver overtook dangerously and collided head-on with the Mark truck, killing the conductor on the spot.

He said it took his men over two hours to remove the trapped body of the conductor from the wreckage, before it was taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue, at Gwagwalada.

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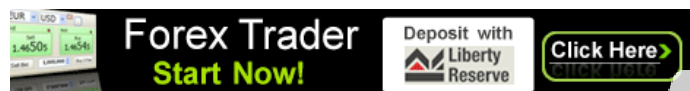
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