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Six die in Gwagwalada auto crash

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SIX persons lost their lives while five others sustained serious injuries Sunday night in a fatal motor accident that occurred opposite Jibeco Filling Station at Gwagwalada, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred when a luxury bus with registration number XA 674 ATA veered off his lane while at top speed and collided with a commuter Hiace bus with registration number XB 613 MNY, killing three persons on the spot.

Our reporter gathered that another three injured passengers died after they were conveyed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital by officials of the Gwagwalada unit command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

Confirming the accident, the Gwagwalada FRSC unit commander, Ahmed Abubakar Atako, attributed the cause to dangerous driving and said the corpses have been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue.

He said five injured passengers are receiving treatment at the same hospital, adding that the luxury bus has been impounded at Gwagwalada Police Station.

In a related development, seven persons were seriously injured in a multiple accident that happened on Sunday morning at Awawa village, near Abaji.

FRSC Yangoji Unit commander, Abdullahi Umar, while confirming the accident, said it involved a Peugeot 505 car with registration number FH 740 KJA, a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number, XJ 553 USL and a Toyota Sienna bus with registration number XU 431EKY.

According to him, the accident happened when the Peugeot station wagon car coming from Lokoja axis lost control while at top speed and collided with a Toyota bus, while the Sienna bus crashed into the two vehicles.

According to him, seven injured male passengers were rushed to Kwali General Hospital for treatment.