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TWO persons lost their lives, while four others sustained serious injuries yesterday morning when a truck fell into a river at Kwaita village, along Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness said the accident happened when the truck with registration number XA 315 GME overtook a vehicle while approaching a bridge and fell into a river, after colliding with another truck, living two persons dead.

Yangoji Federal Road Safety Commission's Unit Commander (FRSC), Abdullahi Umar, attributed the accident to speed violation, adding that the commission's rescue officials and residents of a nearby community made frantic efforts to rescue the victims from the river but could only recover one corpse.

He said the corpse was deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, while the four injured victims are being treated at the Kwali General Hospital.

In a related development, one person died, while another sustained serious injuries on Wednesday morning when a truck with registration number XA 276 MGM lost control and crashed into a ditch at Omoko village, along the same road.

The FRSC Abaji Unit Operational Head, Mr. A.E Amadikwa, attributed the accident to speed violation and said the corpse was deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, while the injured is at the Abaji General Hospital.

He further disclosed that seven persons were also injured on the same day in an accident that occurred near Bulletin Construction yard at Abaji, when a Toyota Haice bus with registration number XS 273 AAA lost control and crashed into a ditch.

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