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Six die in Yangoji auto crash

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SIX persons lost their lives, while 13 others sustained injuries in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Yangoji village, along the Abuja-Lokoja Highway on Thursday night.

A witness said the accident happened when an 18-seater commercial bus overtook a vehicle and collided with a Volkswagen Gulf car with registra-

tion number AE 926 KAB, leaving six passengers in the car dead.

The witness said 22 persons, comprising of 19 males and three females were victims of the crash, out of which six males died on the spot.

Yangoji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abdullahi Umar, attributed the accident cause to wrongful over-

taking on the part of the commercial bus, adding that the corpses are at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue.

He said 13 injured victims were rushed to Kwali General Hospital, while the damaged vehicles have been cleared from the road.

In another development, dare-devil armed robbers struck yesterday morning near Abaji town,

along the Abuja-Lokoja road.

A witness said the robbers who were five, brandished sophisticated weapons and blocked the road at about 4:23 am with heavy logs of woods and dispossessed motorists as well as passengers of their valuables.

Our reporter gathered that the robbers shot sporadically into the air and attacked motorists for

three hours, a situation that resulted to traffic jams at Mandaregi village.

A Gulf driver, who spoke on the incident, said he almost ran into the road block mounted by the robbers and immediately reversed on top speed with the robbers firing at them.

"It was God that saved us, as none of us sustained injuries while escaping," he said.

He said a governor's

siren blaring convoy scared the robbers off the road before other motorists could pass confidently.

Efforts to contact the Abaji Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Adepebga Adetoye, proved abortive but a police officer in the division said they were only aware of the robbery attack later in the morning at about 7 am, adding that no report was lodged by the victims.