

Auto crash claims 5 in Kogi

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

Barely two days after 18 people died in a ghastly motor accident on Abuja-Lokoja road, five people were also killed and three others gravely injured in another auto crash on the same road yesterday.

The crash occurred around 5.30pm when a Toyota jeep, with the registration number BB 911 KWL, coming from Abuja overtook another vehicle and rammed into a taxi cab with the registration number XA 983 LAF, at Sarage village, Kabba Junction, about four kilometers from Lokoja.

The deceased, including a middle-age woman and a child, who were said to be

passengers in the taxicab, died on the spot.

Eyewitnesses put the causality figure at five and blamed the incident on the recklessness of the driver of the jeep who they accused of not being conscious of approaching the junction before overtaking another vehicle.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Mr Yomi Asaniyan, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, however said only two persons died and three were severely injured.

He said bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of the Ankuri Hospital, Lokoja, where the survivors were also being treated.

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