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14 die in auto crash near Abaji

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FOURTEEN bus passengers lost their lives, while two others sustained serious injuries in a fatal motor accident that occurred at Kuru village, near Abaji on Sunday morning.

A witness, Yakubu Ismaila, said the accident happened when an 18-seat Toyota commercial bus with registration number XH 250 JJN overtook another vehicle at a sharp bend and collided with

a petrol tanker, killing 14 passengers in the bus instantly.

"The bus driver and 13 of his passengers died on the spot and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) evacuated the corpses to the mortuary," the witness said.

Confirming the incident yesterday, Abaji FRSC unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Ezech, put the time of the accident at about 10 am and said 14 passengers died instantly, while two other vic-

tims sustained various degrees of injuries.

According to him, the corpses were at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue at Gwagwalada, while the injured were taken to Abaji General Hospital.

He disclosed that all the victims' belongings, including undisclosed sums of money were recorded and taken to the police division at Toto for safe keeping.

The commander however blamed the accident on the bus

driver, who he accused of overtaking at a sharp bend, while on speed.

In a related development, two persons were burnt to death, while five others sustained serious injuries on Sunday evening in another ghastly motor accident that occurred at Gumbo junction, along Kwali-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident occurred when a Honda Accord car with registration number CH 982 ABJ collided with a Volkswagen Gulf car, which went up in

flames and burnt the two occupants to death.

"The Gulf car somersaulted into the bush after the Honda car hit it and caught fire instantly," he said.

Yangoji FRSC Commander, Abdhullahi Umar, said the Honda driver overtook wrongly. The burnt corpses are at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue, Gwagwalada.

He said the five injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.