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Six die in Gegu auto crash

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SIX persons, including a pregnant woman on Friday morning lost their lives in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Gegu town, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

Nine others who sustained various degrees of injuries were rushed to Abaji General Hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

Eyewitness said the accident occurred at about 5:30 am when a fully loaded 18 seater commuter Hiace bus with registration number LS 491 KJA rammed into a Mercedes Benz truck with registration number XR 592 JJJ, killing six persons on the spot.

According to the witness, the driver of the bus who was coming from Abaji end was dodging logs

of wood allegedly used by some suspected armed robbers to block the highway, when he swerved from his lane and crashed into a Mercedes truck that was stopped by armed robbers.

"The robbers flagged down the Mercedes Benz truck and before the bus driver who was on top speed realized what was happening, he swerved from his lane and crashed into the truck, killing six persons on the spot," the witness said.

Our reporter however gathered that the suspected robbers used the Mercedes Benz truck to block the high way and the unsuspected driver of the bus loaded with 18 passengers mostly women rammed into the truck.

Commenting on the accident, the Abaji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commis-

sion (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ezeh, blamed the accident to activities of the suspected robbers who, he confirmed, used a Mercedes Benz truck to block the foot path after blocking the major road with heavy logs.

He said two of the six corpses that were all females, were collected at the scene by their relatives from Okene, Kogi State for burial, while the remaining four were deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, at Gwagwalada and the injured ones were rushed to Abaji General Hospital.

At Gegu police station, a senior police officer told our reporter that the division was not aware of any robbery attack that led to the accident, adding that the incident was not reported at the station.

Robbers attack petrol station in Gwagwalada

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A two-man robbery gang last Thursday afternoon attacked the NNPC Mega station located along Zuba-Gwagwalada road, Gwagwalada and carted away some amount of money.

Eyewitness said the two-man gang of robbers drove into the NNPC Mega station in a Volkswagen Golf car with registration number AR 38 LKJ, ostensibly to refill their tank.

He said after they alighted from the car, they walked straight into the manager's office and ordered him to lie down at gun point and asked him to surrender N10 million he had with him.

"One of the robbers was standing outside while the second one went to the manager's office and before the security men attached to the filling station realized what was happening, the robbers started shooting into the air and escaped with money," the witness said.

Narrating the incident, station's manager, Yusuf Dusa, said he was inside the office taking records of previous sales when the robbers barged into his office and pointed a gun at him, instructing him to

bring out N10 million he had in his custody.

According to him, the robbers told him that there was N10 million cash in his custody that was brought into the station and that he should release the money to them, adding that he denied knowledge of any N10 million brought to the station.

"So, the next thing they did was to carry the money inside the drawer which is N640,000 and another one inside a carton which is N300,000 totalling N940,000, including my laptop. It was when they realized that our security men were after them, they started shooting into the air and in the process escaped," he narrated.

Our reporter however gathered that luck ran out for the robbers as one of them was apprehended when they were involved in an accident near Jibeco filling station, in Gwagwalada.

The Gwagwalada Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Charles Mozie, confirmed the robbery attack and said one of the gang members was arrested and was giving useful information that could lead to the arrest of the other member of the gang.