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Two die in Abaji auto crash

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TWO persons lost their lives while eight others sustained serious injuries on Sunday evening in a fatal motor accident that occurred along Abaji-Toto road on the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness said the accident happened around 7:12 pm when an 18-seater commuter Hiace bus with registration number XH 276 JJN lost control while on high speed and crushed a mad woman walking on the centre of the road, killing her and one other person inside the bus instantly.

"The bus driver was on top speed and suddenly saw the mad woman on the centre of the road, he applied the brake and swerved from his lane after crushing the mad woman and rammed into a ditch, killing another person inside the bus," the witness said.

Our reporter gathered that the bus driver was conveying 18 passengers from Lagos to Jos when the accident occurred.

Abaji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ezech, attributed the accident to the speed limit violation by the bus driver.

He said the corpse of the mad woman was taken by the police for burial after informing the chief of Abaji, adding that the corpse of the dead passenger was taken by some survivors of the crash who are relatives of the deceased.

He said the eight injured passengers were rushed to Abaji General for medical attention.

Similarly, one person died while three others sustained injuries on Sunday evening in a multiple accident that occurred at Kamadi junction, along Kwali-Lokoja road.

The Yangoji unit commander

of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abdullahi Umar, who confirmed the accident, said the accident happened at about 6:12 pm and involved a Mercedes Benz truck with registration number XS463 KBD, Daf trailer with registration number CU 21 ABC, and a Dangote truck with registration number XB 257 RNG.

According to him, the Daf trailer overtook wrongly while on top speed and collided with the Dangote truck coming from opposite direction, while three other vehicles coming from behind rammed into the two trucks, leaving one person dead.

He said the corpse of the dead person was deposited at the University of Abuja teaching Hospital Morgue, at Gwagwalada, while the three injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital for treatment.