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Three die in Kwaita auto crash

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THREE persons lost their lives while thirteen others sustained various degrees of injuries yesterday morning in a ghastly motor accident at Kwaita village, along Kwali-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened around 1:30 am when one of the tyres of an 18-seater commuter Hiace bus with registration

number XN 579 ENU burst and the vehicle somersaulted before crashing into a ditch at the road side, killing three passengers on the spot.

"The bus driver was on top speed from Lokoja end when one of his tyres burst after it ran in to a pothole, killing three people on the spot" the witness said.

The Yangoji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Com-

mission (FRSC), Abdullahi Umar, confirmed the accident, adding that the corpses of the dead ones were taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospitals Morgue at Gwagwalada.

He said 13 injured passengers including a three- year-old baby were taken to Kwali General Hospital for medical attention.

In a related development, two motorcyclists were on Monday

afternoon crushed to death by an 18-seater commercial bus at Kwali market junction, along the same road.

A witness said the accident happened at about 1:45 pm when the commuter Hiace bus with registration number XA 425 LKJ ran into the two young men riding on separate Jincheng motorcycles, killing the two of them on the spot.

Our reporter, who visited the

scene of the incident few minutes later, saw some angry youths threatening to set the bus ablaze but some elders and sympathizers intervened.

Commenting on the accident, Yangoji FRSC unit commander, Abdullahi Umar, blamed the bus driver for speed violation, saying the two corpses were collected at the scene by the relatives of the deceased for burial.