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Cyclist crushed to death at Abaji

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AN unidentified cyclist was on Tuesday afternoon crushed to death in an accident at Abaji round-about along the Abuja-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened at about 2:30 pm when the cyclist who was rushing to pick a passenger entered the road without watching and in the process, a J5 Peugeot bus with registration number XE 943 FJE coming from Lokoja end on top speed crushed him to death.

The Abaji Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commis-

sion (FRSC), Joseph O. Ezech, who confirmed the accident, said the corpse has been handed over to the deceased relatives for burial.

He said the command would liaise with the Abaji council chairman and the FCT Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) so as to erect speed breakers at both end of the road in order to reduce frequent accident.

In a related development, five persons sustained serious injuries in a multiple accident that occurred at Yaba -junction, near Gada-Biyu village along the same road.

Eyewitness said the accident

happened at about 11:46 pm when a Mercedes truck with registration number XJ 460 USL dangerously overtook another vehicle and in the process collided with a J5 bus with registration number XQ 850 BEN, while another J5 bus with registration number AE 255 AKW coming from behind also crashed into the two vehicles, injuring five persons on the spot.

The Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Malam Umar Usman, who confirmed the accident, said the five injured victims were taken to Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

17 sex workers arrested in FCT

By Usman A. Bello, Kudirat B. Salau-deen & Victoria A. Ochu

ABOUT 17 commercial sex workers have been arrested in the streets of Abuja for allegedly constituting nuisance in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The women were arrested in the early hours of yesterday by a Joint Ministerial Task force, comprising Social Development Secretariat, Police and the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), while engaging in an act that has been prohibited in the FCT.

The AEPB Head of Enforcement, Segun Olusa, who confirmed the arrest, said they are only collaborating with the

Social Development Secretariat in its bid to flush out commercial sex workers from the city.

"Social Development Secretariat is in charge of them. We are observing strike and can't make authoritative comment. The people you have seen in our premises were arrested last night. We are waiting to see whether the magistrate would come so that they would be tried," he said.

He said if the magistrate did not come as a result of the strike action embarked upon by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC), they would have to take them to the police station till the strike action is called off.