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Motorist killed during robbers' attack at Piri

Tuesday, 22 March 2011 00:00 Abubakar Sadiq Isah



ONE person has died while another sustained serious injuries in the early hours of Saturday morning when suspected armed robbers blocked and attacked motorists at Piri village, along Kwali- Lokoja road.

A witness said the incident happened at 4:15am when a Peugeot J5 bus with registration number LG 43 LAM crashed into heavy logs of wood placed on the highway by a gang of six armed robbers.

He said the robbers were armed with sophisticated weapons and were robbing motorists on the road, when a bus carrying pineapples crashed into the woods, killing the driver on the spot.

"After the accident, the robbers immediately fled into the bush and Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials evacuated the corpse as well as injured victim to the hospital," the witness said.

Yangoji FRSC Unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, said the corpse was deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, while the injured victim is at Kwali General Hospital.

When contacted, Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Chief Superintendent Olubunmi Ogedengbe, confirmed the robbery attack but denied knowledge of any death.

The unit commander also informed that two persons were injured in another accident that occurred at Kwaita village on Saturday morning.

He said the accident occurred when a Mark truck with registration number XA 662 RRN lost control and crashed into a ditch.

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