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One dies in Abaji auto crash

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ONE person died, while six others sustained serious injuries last Friday afternoon in a fatal motor accident that occurred near [Con Oil Filling Station along Abaji- Lokoja higway](#).

A witness said the accident happened when a Mercedes Benz bus that was carrying [12 passengers](#) lost control while on speed and crashed into a [ditch](#), killing a passenger.

“After the bus with registration number XJ 980 USL [veered off its lane on the road and crashed into a ditch](#), officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) evacuated the injured passengers to Abaji General Hospital, where one of the victims died,” he said.

Commenting on the incident, Abaji FRSC unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Onyemauche Ezech, attributed the accident to speed limit violation, adding that FRSC officials conveyed six injured persons to hospital.

He further disclosed that two persons were also injured in another accident that involved a Mack truck and a Fiat bus at the same spot.

According to him, the accident happened at 7 am, when a Fiat bus with registration number AU 151 DKA crashed into a broken down Mand Diesel truck with registration number XB 191 BRE that was loaded with cement and on the centre of the highway.

The FRSC commander blamed the accident on the truck driver for not placing a traffic warning sign to alert other motorists.

He said the injured victims were taken to Abaji General Hospital, adding that the commission has observed that trucks that carry cement mostly break down at the centre of the highway, while their drivers do not place traffic signs in conspicuous places to alert other motorists.

“Even when we want to assemble some of the truck drivers to educate them, it has been difficult as they refuse to stop,” he said.

The FRSC commander said the command is making arrangements to set up a mobile court along Abaji-Lokoja highway by end of this month in order to prosecute erring drivers and traffic offenders.

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