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Two Customs officers die in auto crash

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TWO customs officers lost their lives, while three others sustained serious injuries on Saturday evening in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Chikara village, along Abuja-Lokoja road.

Our reporter learnt that one of the

customs officers was trapped in the mangled vehicle for hours and later removed by an extricating machine brought by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), but later died at Abaji General Hospital.

A witness said the accident happened when a Toyota Camry car car-

rying the Customs officers overtook another vehicle and collided with a truck.

Commenting on the incident, Abaji FRSC unit Commander, Joseph Onyemauche Ezech, attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking.

He said one of the customs officers died on the spot, while the other died

few minutes later at the hospital, adding that their corpses are at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, while the injured are at the Abaji General Hospital.

He further disclosed that two persons were also injured on the same day in another accident that occurred at Chikara village, along the same

road.

"The accident happened at about 12: 30 pm, when a J5 Peugeot bus with registration number XC 149 ZAR had a burst tyre and crashed into a ditch, leaving three passengers seriously wounded.

He said the victims are at the Abaji General Hospital.