Another soldier dies from Kwaita accident

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THE only soldier that survived last Friday's motor accident which caused the death of nine soldiers, yesterday died at Kwali General Hospital, where he was receiving treatment.

The total number of soldiers who died from the accident, where an 18-seater bus plunged into a river at Kwaita village, along Kwali-Lokoja road now stands at 10.

Yangoji acting unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Hyacinth Bikut, who confirmed the soldier's death, said the medical doctors at Kwali General Hospital informed him of the death Saturday morning.

He said the soldier sustained serious injuries and was taken along with a mobile policeman and a civilian to the hospital.

A witness had said that the accident occurred at 4:13 pm, when the bus conveying the soldiers from Lokoja to Abuja, veered off the road and plunged into a river.

Nine soldiers died on the spot and their corpses were conveyed to Army Division at Lokoja.

When our reporter visited the hospital, a nurse confirmed the soldier's death and said he sustained serious internal and spinal cord injuries.

The nurse said the soldier died at around 3:23 am on Saturday, adding that doctors contacted his military division, who sent a Hilux van to pick the corpse.