

5 die in Kogi auto crash

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Five persons on Tuesday died while eight others sustained various degrees of injuries in an auto crash that occurred at Zariagi by Kabba junction along the Lokoja- Abuja highway. Witnesses said the accident which occurred at about 12 pm involved four vehicles, a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number NEN 120 XA, Toyota Siena with registration with XJ 902 HTE, Toyota Corrola with XV 125 SUA, and a DAF truck with registration number XD 287 KWL.

It was gathered that the accident occurred when one of the vehicles heading towards the southern part of the country attempted to overtake and collided with a vehicle coming from the opposite direction.

The Kogi Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Commission, Muhammed Garba, who confirmed the incident, blamed it on dangerous overtaking.

He said 31 people were involved, and that five persons died, eight were injured while the others escaped unhurt. He said among the dead were three males, one adult female and a child, adding that the corpses have been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre mortuary.