



## Nigeria: 20 Killed in Delta, Niger, Kogi Road Crashes

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A total of 20 persons have been killed in three different accidents in Delta, Niger and Kogi states between Friday and yesterday with several other persons injured.

In Delta State, a trailer belonging to Dangote Company yesterday rammed into three vehicles at Okwe junction in Asaba killing eight persons and leaving 10 others injured.

Daily Trust gathered that five persons, all male, died on the spot while three gave up on their way to the hospital.

The accident occurred at about 7:30am when the blue heavy duty truck with registration number SNK:77XA rammed into the vehicles along the busy Benin-Asaba Expressway.

The vehicles hit included an IVECO truck with registration number KWA 12 XA, a Mitsubishi L300 bus with registration number ODD 295 XA and a Nisan quest car with registration number DX 219 FST.

A witness said some of the dead persons were trapped inside the vehicles and nobody was able to rescue them until the arrival of the police from B Division police station and a team of the Federal Road Safety Corps.

Public Relations Officer for Delta command Emma Bassey confirmed the incident.

And in Niger State, no fewer than five persons were killed in Mokwa, on Friday when a tanker carrying petrol ran into 10 stationary vehicles along Jebba-Mokwa highway.

It was gathered that the accident occurred when a petrol tanker coming from the Jebba end of the highway lost control and ran into the popular Saw Mill area of Mokwa in Mokwa local government area.

A witness, who pleaded anonymity, said the 10 vehicles were completely burnt and many shops and houses were also touched by the fire that lasted hours owing to lack of fire fighting trucks in the area.

Alhaji Mohammed Goro, the secretary of Mokwa council, as well as police spokesman Richard Oguche, confirmed the story.

In a related development, seven persons, including two kids, died in a fatal road accident on Lokoja-Abuja road yesterday.

An eyewitness said the mother of the children also died in the crash, saying the accident occurred at about 12 noon at Gaba village on the road.

Confirming the accident, the Kogi Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Mohammed Garba, said the accident involved two vehicles.

He said the vehicles, an articulated one with registration number Adamawa GYA 96 AA and a black Golf car with registration number Lagos, LSR 721 XB, collided while trying to negotiate a dangerous bend.

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