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7 die in Yangoji village auto crash

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Seven passengers lost their lives, while 13 others sustained various degrees of injuries in a ghastly motor accident that occurred last Thursday at Yangoji village, along Abuja-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened around 8:15 pm and involved three vehicles, which include a Toyota commuter bus with registration number BEN 879

XA, Toyota Previa bus with registration number XC 201 FGB and a Toyota Sienna car with registration number GGE 908 BH.

He said one of the vehicles overtook dangerously at a sharp bend and collided with an oncoming bus, while another bus coming from behind rammed into the two buses, killing seven passengers on the spot.

When contacted, Yangaoji unit com-

mander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Austine Chukwudi Okeke, confirmed the accident and attributed it to speed limit violation.

He also confirmed that seven persons lost their lives in the accident and that their corpses have been deposited at Kwali General Hospital morgue.

According to him, 13 persons who were injured in the accident were also taken to the same hospital for medical attention.

He further disclosed that 16 passengers were seriously injured in another accident that occurred in the wee hours of yesterday at Sheda village, along Kwali-Lokoja road.

He said the accident happened around 2am and involved a Mercedes Benz luxury bus with registration number LSD 745 XC.

The unit commander attributed the accident to over speeding and fatigue, saying the 16 injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital for treatment.