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# 11 perish in Abuja-Lokoja road accident

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Eleven passengers, including two children travelling in a bus lost their lives in a motor accident in the early hours of Tuesday near Chikara village, along the Abuja-Lokoja road.

Our reporter learnt that three other persons who sustained various degrees of injuries in the accident were taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at Gwagwalada by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

A witness said the accident happened around 5:20 am when an 18

seater Toyota commuter Hiace bus with registration number LSR 834 XC suddenly lost control while on high speed and collided with an oncoming DAF tanker with registration number KJA950 XB which was coming from the opposite direction. He said initial findings reveal that the bus driver must have slept off behind the wheels, swerved from his lane and collided with the trailer.

When contacted, Abaji Unit Commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, confirmed that 11 persons including two children lost their lives in the accident involving a bus and tanker which

he attributed to over-speeding.

He said that the three others who sustained various injuries were taken to Abaji General Hospital for treatment while the corpses have been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at Gwagwalada.

When *City News* visited the Abaji General Hospital, a nurse disclosed that the three injured victims that were brought in by the FRSC rescue team have been transferred to University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Gwagwalada as a result of the high degrees of injuries sustained which she said could not be handled there.