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DRIVER DIES AS VEHICLES COLLIDE IN KWALI

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A middle-aged bus driver was killed on Sunday in an accident involving an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus with a Leyland drilling truck at Kwali along Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

City News gathered that officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) took ten injured passengers including a child from the commercial bus to the hospital.

An eyewitness told our reporter that the accident occurred at about 8:12 pm, adding that the bus with registration number ABN 216 XA overtook another vehicle dangerously at a bend and collided with an unregistered oncoming truck.

He said the bus driver who was trapped by the steering wheel died before the arrival of officials of the FRSC.

"The corpse was removed with an extricating machine and taken to the hospital by the officers," the witness said.

When contacted, Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Austine Chukwudi Okeke, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to over-speeding and loss of control by the bus driver. He said the remains of the driver was deposited at University of Abuja Teaching Hospitals Morgue in Gwagwalada.

He said ten other passengers including a child who sustained various degrees of injuries were taken to Rhema Clinic in Kwali for medical treatment.

The FRSC commander further disclosed that one person was also injured in another accident which occurred on Thursday evening at Yangoji village, along Abuja-Lokoja road.

He said the accident, which occurred at about 4.45pm involved a Peugeot car with registration number BQ 538 ABJ.

"The driver lost control and crashed into a ditch. The victim was taken to Kwali General Hospital," he said.

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