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DRIVER DIES AS VAN RAMS INTO TRUCK IN KWALI



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A middle-aged driver who was said to have fallen asleep while driving, was killed after his pick-up van rammed into a moving truck at Kwali motor park junction, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway, Abuja yesterday.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred at about 5:20 a.m. when the deceased, said to be driving a Dyna van from Lokoja suddenly hit a DAF truck with registration number XA 949 ARG from behind.

"The Dyna truck driver was on top speed when he suddenly hit the truck in front of him. He died on the spot, while one other person beside him sustained injuries," he said.

When our reporter arrived at the scene around 8:34 a.m., the men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were trying to remove the damaged trucks from the road.

When contacted, Yangoji Unit Commander of the FRSC, Austine Chukwudi Okeke, confirmed the accident which he attributed to speed violation.

He said the corpse has been deposited at Kwali General Hospital's morgue, adding that a Chinese who sustained injuries from the accident was taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at Gwagwalada for medical attention.

In a related development, 4 persons were injured on Wednesday night in a motor accident, which occurred at Piri village, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway, Abuja.

An eyewitness told our reporter at the scene that the accident occurred at about 7:27 p.m. and involved a Toyota Sienna vehicle and an IVECO truck.

The witness said he believed that the driver of the Toyota Sienna bus caused the accident after one of the rear tyres of the bus busted, thereby making the driver to lose control of the car and hit the side of the IVECO truck while struggling to regain control of the vehicle.

He said four persons inside the bus sustained various degrees of injury.

When contacted, Yangoji FRSC Unit Commander, Austine Okeke, confirmed the accident. He attributed it to over speeding and tyre burst, saying the four injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.

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