



DRIVER KILLED AS VEHICLE RAMS INTO MOVING TRUCK AT AWAHA VILLAGE



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A driver was trapped to death after his vehicle rammed into a moving trailer from behind at Awawa village, on the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness, Aliyu Shuaibu, said the accident happened when the driver of a Nissan van with registration number XC 825 GWA, rammed into an unmarked trailer from behind. He said the Nissan van's driver, who was driving alone died instantly, adding that a resident of the village alerted men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) at Abaji, and they came to remove the corpse from the wreckage.

"I was sitting with a friend chatting when the accident happened and I rushed to the scene only to discover that the van hit the trailer from behind. I have to call road safety people from Abaji immediately," he said.

Our reporter learnt that after the accident, the truck's driver stopped some few meters away from the village, abandoned the truck and ran into the bush for fear of being attack.

Efforts to get reaction of the Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, over the accident was not successful as his mobile phone was switched off, but an FRSC official confirmed the accident, saying the corpse of the driver has been handed over to the relatives for burial at Abaji.

In a related incident, six persons were seriously injured in another motor accident which occurred near Gumbo junction on Tuesday morning, on the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness said the accident happened around 7:24 am when the driver of a Honda CVR with registration number AV 847 BWR, loss control on top speed, somersaulted severally before crashing into a ditch.

He said the victims were taken to a hospital in the area.

When contacted, Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Austine Chukwudi Okeke, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to over speeding, saying the victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.

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