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DRIVER, 14 COWS KILLED AS TRAILER CRASHES AT ANINI VILLAGE



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The driver of an articulated truck and 14 cows were killed in the wee hours of yesterday in an accident which occurred at Anini village, on the Abuja-Lokoja Highway.

A witness said the accident happened at about 4:13 am when the driver of a Daf truck with registration number XA B40 KYW, lost control and the trailer, loaded with cows, fell into a ditch.

He said two persons that sustained serious injuries in the accident were taken to hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), who arrived the scene at about 6:34 am.

"Two of the passengers that were sitting at the back of the trailer were trapped as some cows fell on them. Villagers rushed to the scene to remove them even before the arrival of the FRSC officers," the witness said.

Our reporter, who arrived the scene at about 7:47 am, counted 14 dead cows, while some villagers were giving a helping hand to remove some of the trapped cows.

City News, however, gathered at the scene that the driver of the truck which was conveying the cows from Jigawa State to Port Harcourt in Rivers State, was said to have handed over the vehicle to his driver's mate after they stopped over at Tafa town in Suleja and that the accident happened later killing the driver's mate.

When contacted, Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Austine Chwukudi Okeke, confirmed the accident, saying one person died and two others were injured in the mishap.

He said the corpse has been deposited at Kwali General Hospital's morgue, adding that the injured passenger was also taken to the hospital.

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