

5 KILLED IN AUTO CRASH ALONG ABUJA-LOKOJA ROAD



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Five persons lost their lives while three others sustained various degrees of injuries in separate accidents which occurred last week near Abaji town, on the **Abuja-Lokoja Highway**.

A witness said the first accident, which happened on Saturday evening near Con Oil filling station at **Abaji**, involved a Mercedes Benz car.

He said the car was on top speed towards Lokoja axis when one of its tyres burst and hit a tree, killing two persons on the spot, leaving one other persons seriously injured.

He said officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) on patrol rushed to the scene to remove the corpses and the injured victim to the hospital.

According to him, the second accident which left three persons dead and three others injured, happened on Sunday night at about 8: 16 p.m. at the same spot and it involved a Golf car.

"In the Golf car, six people were involved including five male and one female and it was also caused **by tyre burst. Two male and a female died on the spot,"** he said.

When contacted, Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, confirmed the two accidents, saying the first accident was **caused by over-speeding and loss of control while the second one was caused by tyre burst.**

He said the corpses have been deposited at Kwali General Hospital morgue, while the injured victims were taken to St. Peter Catholic Hospital in the area.

Similarly, 12 persons were seriously injured in a motor accident which occurred in the wee hours of Friday at Gada-Biyu village, on the Abuja-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened round 4: 23 a.m. when the a commuter Hiace bus, coming on speed from Lokoja axis, suddenly had a tyre burst and the driver lost control and crashed into a ditch.

He said the injured victims were evacuated to the hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

The FRSC commander also confirmed the accident and attributed it to tyre burst, saying the injured victims were also taken to the same hospital.

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