



MAN, 8 COWS DIE AS TRAILER CRASHES AT GIRI JUNCTION

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A man and eight cows died after a trailer crashed at Giri junction on the Abuja-Lokoja highway in the wee hours of yesterday.

City News learnt that 19 passengers sitting at the back of the trailer sustained various degrees of injuries.

A witness said the incident happened around 3:42 a.m. when a DAF trailer with registration number KTN 360 YZ and loaded with cows, veered off the road and crashed.

He said the truck driver lost control after hitting a barricade at a diversion, adding that both the man and the eight cows died on the spot.

Our reporter counted eight dead cows at the scene, while officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were busy removing the obstruction from the road.

Some motorists, who spoke with our reporter at the scene, blamed the accident to the absence of traffic warning sign on the road.

City News further gathered that the trailer was conveying cows from Damaturu in Yobe State to Port Harcourt in Rivers State, when the incident happened.

When contacted, the Gwagwalada Unit Commander of the FRSC, Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the incident.

He attributed the accident to over speeding, saying six traffic warning were mounted on both left and right of the road by a construction company working on the road to intimate motorists of a diversion.

"You can imagine someone, who was driving all the way from Damaturu in Yobe State, throughout the night, he might probably have slept off while on the steering," he said.

The FRSC commander said relatives of the deceased have collected the corpse for burial, saying 17 out of 19 passengers that sustained injuries were taken to St. Lukas Hospital at Madalla, while two other victims were taken to St. Mary Catholic Hospital at Gwagwalada.

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