



Passenger, 13 donkeys die as trailer crashes at Dabi village

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A middle-aged passenger was killed last Thursday night when the trailer he was travelling in crashed at Dabi village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway. Also killed in the accident were 13 donkeys that were also in the vehicle.

A witness said the accident happened around 9: 45 p.m. when the Daf trailer with registration number XC 729 GRR coming from Zuba axis overtook another vehicle from behind dangerously.

He said the trailer driver lost control and rammed into a concrete barricade before crashing into a ditch, saying one of the passengers sitting at the back of the trailer died on the spot.

"Also, about 13 donkeys died on the spot after the trailer's pulled off. It fell on one of the passengers, who were removed when men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) came to remove the corpse," he said.

When contacted, Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander, Austine Chukwudi Okeke, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to over-speeding and dangerous overtaking.

He said the dead passenger's corpse had been handed over to the relatives for burial.

Okeke also informed that the donkeys that died in the accident had been evacuated and buried through the combined effort of the environmental officials.

In another incident, six persons sustained injuries in a motor accident which occurred on Monday evening near Chikara village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 5:23 p.m. when a Golf car with registration number CD 369 KKF lost control after one of the tyres burst and it crashed into a ditch.

He said the six injured passengers, including the driver, were evacuated by officials of the FRSC to the hospital.

When contacted, Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to tyre burst, adding that those injured were taken to Abaji General Hospital.

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