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8 killed as bus rams into parked trailer at Abaji



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Eight persons died while eight others sustained various degrees of injury early Monday morning after an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus rammed into a stationery trailer near a bridge at Abaji, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

Our reporter learnt that an elderly man and a pregnant woman who were in the front passenger seat of the bus miraculously survived the accident.

A witness said the accident happened when the bus, with registration number TGZ 36 XA, carrying 18 passengers, traveling on top speed crashed into a parked Sino truck with registration number SNN 63 XA.

He said the bus which was carrying passengers from Sokoto State to the eastern part of the country, rammed into the trailer from behind after crossing the bridge, leaving the driver and eight passengers dead on the spot.

"Men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) came to the scene after they were alerted and evacuated the dead bodies and those that were injured to hospital, while the pregnant woman and the elderly man who survived, were also moved from the crash site," he said.

City News correspondent who later visited the scene, saw the mangled bus on the road, while officials of the FRSC were busy diverting vehicles coming from Gwagwalada axis to another lane in order to remove the trailer from the centre of the road.

At the FRSC unit command office, eight corpses were seen as officials of the command were evacuating them into a patrol van to be taken to the mortuary.

When contacted, Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander Moses Audu, confirmed the accident, saying eight people lost their lives and their corpses have been deposited at Kwali General Hospital morgue.

He said eight others who sustained various degrees of injury were taken to Ayaura comprehensive health centre, along Agyana road at Abaji.

City News saw some of the injured passengers on admission at the hospital, as doctors and nurses attended to them.

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