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2 burnt as bus plunges into ditch on Abuja-Lokoja highway

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Two persons were burnt to death Tuesday night after a bus plunged into a ditch at Okpaka village, near Koton-Karfe town on the Abuja-Lokoja express way.

A witness said the incident happened around 11:34 p.m. when the driver of an unmarked Peugeot J5 bus loaded with fruits lost control and crashed into a ditch.

He said the driver and one other person were trapped in the bus and were burnt to death when the bus caught fire.

"Due to the deepness of the ditch and the intensity of the fire, some villagers who rushed to the scene were unable to rescue them," he said.

He said the burnt corpses were removed the following day and buried at the scene by the residents of the area.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Koton-Karfe unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. M.U Sayalla, were not successful, as he did not pick several calls put across to him.

In a related incident, three persons were seriously injured in another accident which occurred near Gada-Biyu village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 5: 45 p.m. when a Toyota Camry car veered off the road and crashed into a ditch.

"The driver was trying to avoid hitting a motorcycle rider who entered his lane and in the process, lost control and fell into the ditch," he said.

He said the injured victims that included two male and a female adult were taken to Kwali General Hospital by the FRSC rescue team for attention.

When contacted, Yangoji FRSC unit commander, Assistant Corps Commander, Jeremiah M. Fada, confirmed the accident.

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