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3 killed as bus rams into truck on Abuja-Lokoja road

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Three persons, including a driver, lost their lives when a Peugeot J5 bus rammed into a moving truck in the wee hours of Sunday, near Okpaka village, on the ever busy Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said two other occupants of the bus sustained various degrees of injuries in the accident, which happened around 2:12 a.m.

He said the driver of the unmarked bus overtook another vehicle dangerously, lost control and rammed into the moving truck, adding that the driver and two others were killed.

According to the witness, two other passengers in the bus were rescued by some residents of the village before a police highway patrol team came to the scene to remove the corpses to the hospital.

Our reporter learnt that the two injured victims were taken to a hospital at Koton-Karfe town, while the corpses of the dead ones were deposited at Federal Medical Centre in Lokoja.

Effort to get the reaction of the Koton-Karfe unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) over the incident was not successful but an official at the unit confirmed the accident.

In another incident, three persons were injured in a motor accident which occurred Sunday evening, near Sabon-Gari village, on the Abuja-Lokoja express way.

A witness said the accident happened around 5:23 p.m. when a Toyota Camry car with registration number XH 539 ABC had its tyre punctured while on top speed.

He said the car somersaulted before it crashed into a ditch, adding that the injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.

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

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