

# 6 killed as vehicles collide on Abuja-Lokoja road

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

**Six persons lost their lives as vehicles collided in the wee hours of Wednesday at Idu village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.**

Our reporter learnt that four others, who sustained various degrees of injuries, were rescued by men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and taken to Ideal Hospital at Koton-Karfe town in Kogi State.

A witness said the accident happened around 4:20 a.m. when a Daf trailer with registration number XC 345 GMJ overtook dangerously and collided with an oncoming luxurious bus with registration number KPP 744 ZW.

He said three passengers sitting in front, including the bus driver and three other

people from the trailer were trapped to death.

"It was unfortunate that before men of the FRSC rescue team could bring their extricating machine, six of them have died," he said.

When contacted, the Gegu unit commander of the FRSC, Mr. Ahmed S. Daura, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to speed limit violation and dangerous overtaking.

He said three out of the six corpses, which were all male adults, have been buried by their relatives at Gegu town, while the other three were deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital morgue at Gwagwalada.

The FRSC commander also disclosed that the four injured victims were taken to Ideal Hospital at Koton-Karfe, adding

that the obstructions caused by the accident were immediately cleared from the highway.

Similarly, three persons were also injured in another accident which occurred on Tuesday evening near Chikara village, on the Abuja-Lokoja express way.

A witness said the accident happened after the driver of a Golf car with registration number DC 385 KKF lost control and crashed into a ditch.

He said the three injured victims, including a middle-aged woman, were taken to the hospital by men of the FRSC.

The Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander Moses A. Audu, confirmed the accident, saying the victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.

## Abuja natives eulogise late pro-democracy activist, Emma Ezeazu

By Taiwo Adeniyi

The death of a foremost pro-democracy activist and general secretary of Alliance for Credible Elections (ACE), Mr. Emma Ezeazu, has been described as a great loss to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and the nation at large.

The Original Inhabitants Development Association of Abuja (OIDA), in a statement signed by its media adviser, Summer Shagari Sambo, expressed grief over the death of late Ezeazu, who he said, helped to champion their quest for the democratisation of governance in FCT.

Sambo said Abuja natives would live to remember the "moral, financial and political support it enjoyed from the efforts of the late Ezeazu through the Alliance for Credible Elections."

He described the late Ezeazu as "a man of courage and believer in people irrespective of their ethnicity.

"He was a bold and ambitious man full