

his staff of office in Abuja last week.

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One dies, 2 injured as trailer rams into cars at Aseni

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A male passenger died while two others sustained serious injuries after a trailer rammed into two vehicles on Saturday evening near Aseni village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 4:23 p.m. when the driver of a Daf trailer lost control while on speed and rammed into two vehicles coming from the opposite direction.

He said seven passengers from an unmarked Nissan car and a Sharon Volkswagen car were seriously injured, while one person died on the spot.

"The driver of the trailer lost control

and rammed into two vehicles coming from Lokoja end. The crash led to the death of one passenger," he said.

The witness added that men of the Gugu unit command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were alerted immediately and they arrived the scene to evacuate the victims and the dead passenger to hospital.

The Gugu FRSC unit commander, Mr. Ahmed S. Daura, could not be reached for comment, but an official at the command confirmed the incident.

He said seven persons, including one female, were involved in the accident, disclosing that one person died, while two others sustained injuries and were taken to Ideal Clinic at Koton-Karfe in Kogi State.

In a similar incident, three persons were also injured in a motor accident which occurred on Friday afternoon near Gada-Biyu village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 3:11 p.m. when the driver of a Golf car with registration number XD 428 RBC lost control and crashed into a ditch.

He said the injured were rescued by sympathisers before the arrival of men of the FRSC.

The Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, Moses Audu, confirmed the accident, saying the victims were taken to hospital by sympathisers before the arrival of his men.

holds in March and April yearly, started over 200 years ago locally but was taken over by the government 15 years ago.

The monarch said according priority to the fishing festival would serve as a tourist attraction to both local and foreigners as well as generate revenue for the council.

"The last time the festival was held in this village was in 2008 and since then the government has abandoned it. I am appealing to the incoming government to reactivate it so that it will yield revenue for the council," he said.

The monarch, while commenting on some challenges facing the community, also appealed to the incoming administration to rehabilitate the 14 kilometer Dangara-Yaba road, which, he said, was now in deplorable state.

He said the road, which links Yaba and Niger State was constructed over 20 years ago.

The monarch commended the outgoing FCT Minister, Senator Bala Moahammed and the Minister of State, Mrs. Oloye Olajumoke, for identifying with the indigenes, especially the traditional rulers.

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