

2 killed as vehicles collide on Abuja-Lokoja highway

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Two persons have lost their lives while two others sustained serious injuries after two vehicles collided on Tuesday morning, near Piri junction, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

Our reporter learnt that one of the accident victims later died at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at Gwagwalada, after he was rescued by men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and taken for medical attention.

A witness said the accident happened around 8:12 a.m. when an unmarked trailer coming on speed overtook another vehicle dangerously, adding that the driver lost control and collided with an oncoming luxurious bus with registration number XC 926 WRR.

"It was after the trailer driver overtook another vehicle that it collided head-on with a luxurious bus from the Lokoja end, and two persons sitting at the back of the trailer died," he said.

Our reporter, who arrived the scene shortly after the accident, saw two of the injured passengers being attended to by sympathisers before the arrival of FRSC officials, while a corpse was covered with grasses.

When contacted, the Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander, Jeremiah M. Fada, confirmed the accident, which he attributed to dangerous overtaking.



■ One of the survivors of the accident being attended to on Abuja-Lokoja highway on Tuesday. PHOTO: ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH

He said one person died at the scene, while one other later gave up at Kwali General Hospital, adding that the two injured persons were receiving treatment at the same hospital.

In another incident, three persons were also injured in another motor accident which occurred on Sunday evening at Omoko village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 4:31 p.m. when the driver of a Toyota Camry car with registration number AD 837 ABC lost control on speed and crashed

into a ditch.

He said those injured were taken to Abaji General Hospital by men of the FRSC, while the corps unit commander, Moses Audu, confirmed the accident.