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TRAILER KILLS 2, INJURES 3 AT KUBWA



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Two persons died in an accident that occurred yesterday at the NNPC junction along Kubwa-Zuba expressway, Kubwa in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Three persons were also injured in the accident which witnesses said occurred around 8.00a.m. involving an articulated truck, two vehicles and one long capacity bus belonging to the Abuja Urban Mass Transport Company, popularly called El-Rufai buses.

The witnesses said the truck which was going towards Zuba, avoided colliding with the El-Rufai bus but in the process rammed into a Nissan and Volkswagen Golf vehicles parked at the junction before falling into a drainage, killing two persons on the spot.

"The driver of the trailer, in an effort to avoid hitting the fully loaded bus, plunged into the drainage, knocking down two men reading newspaper at a newspaper stand," a witness added.

According to him, the mass transit bus entered the expressway through the junction carelessly, adding that the truck, while on speed, avoided hitting the bus loaded with passengers but ended up hitting two vehicles apparently waiting for passengers at the busy junction.

The witness said three passengers in the Volkswagen Golf vehicle were injured.

When our reporter visited the scene, the corpses of the people trapped by the truck in the drainage were being removed by the officials of the rescue team of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

The accident led to a traffic gridlock.

An official of the FRSC rescue team who spoke to City News on condition of anonymity blamed the accident on impatience.

"Two persons died in the accident. As you can see they are being removed from under the vehicle," he said.

The Kubwa Divisional Police Officer, Chief Superintendent Nurrudeen Sabo, who confirmed the incident, said the long capacity bus driver had been arrested and was under interrogation at the station.

He however said the corpses had been deposited at the Kubwa General Hospital morgue.

Meanwhile, a mild ensued at the scene when the police on arrival there started beating sympathisers who were watching how the dead bodies were being removed and they responded by hurling stones and other objects at the police.

It took the intervention of other security operatives to calm the situation from degenerating into crisis