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3 trapped to death as petrol tanker rams into car at Zuba

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An accident scene at Zuba in the Federal Capital Territory on Sunday.

Three persons were trapped to death while three others sustained various degrees of injuries after a petrol tanker rammed into a vehicle on Saturday afternoon at Zuba, along Gwagwalada-Lokoja express way.

A witness said the accident happened around 1:23pm when a tanker

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loaded with 33,000 litres of petrol, with registration number BAM138XA lost control and rammed into a Toyota Carina car with registration number ASF32AT.

The witness said the petrol tanker was coming from Madalla axis and suddenly lost control because of brake failure, forcing the articulated vehicle to careen off the road and smash into the car which was coming from out of the Zuba motor spare parts market.

He said the three corpses were removed through the combined effort of men of the Zuba unit command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and some sympathizers after a crane was brought to the scene to clear the debris of the crash.

When contacted, the Zuba unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander, Muta'a Chorie, confirmed the crash, attributing it to brake failure.

He said the three persons that died and the three others who sustained various degrees of injuries were taken to Suleja General Hospital. He said it took the intervention of Dantata Construction Company which came with its crane to remove the corpse of the trapped passengers.

The FRSC commander vowed that the command would not hesitate to continue to checkmate the activities of motorists on the road for better driving.

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