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Two killed as car plunges into river at Kwaita

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A crowd gather at the scene of an accident where a Madza car crashed at Kwaita bridge on Abuja-Lokoja road, killing two persons yesterday morning. |

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Two persons lost their lives while two others sustained serious injuries early yesterday morning after the car they were in plunged into a river

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at Kwaita village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the accident happened around 6:12a.m. when an unmarked Mazda car carrying four persons swerved off the road after overtaking another vehicle and plunged into the river.

He said the vehicle hit the edge of the bridge after the driver lost control of the car and by the time it summersaulted and crashed under the bridge, it was wrecked into fragments.

He also said two persons died on the spot, while two others survived with various degrees of injuries.

"Those that survived were rescued by the police and men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and taken to hospital," he added.

Our reporter, who arrived the scene shortly after the accident, saw the two corpses under the bridge and the mangled vehicle, while officials of the FRSC and some policemen were trying to remove them.

When contacted, the Yangoji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ezech, confirmed the accident, saying two persons lost their lives after the driver lost control of his car which plunged into the river.

He said the two corpses have been deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital (UATH) at Gwagwalada, while the two other injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital for attention.

The FRSC commander explained that the victims, who were contractors, were travelling from Abuja to Offa, Kwara State, when the accident happened, adding that some items and other luggage recovered at the scene were at the command for safe keeping.

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