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7 burnt to death in auto crash at Gada-Biyu

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Seven people were burnt to death while four others sustained burns in an auto crash on Saturday(0 Likes) afternoon at Gada-Biyu village on Abuja-Lokoja expressway. A witness said the accident happened about 12:54p.m. when an 18-seater commuter Hiace bus travelling on top speed had a tyre burst, lost control, summersaulted and caught fire.



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He said the bus driver, who was coming from the Gwagwalada axis, might have suddenly applied the brakes after one of the tyres burst and the bus somersaulted and caught fire instantly at the centre of the road. “In fact, the bus somersaulted three times before it went up in flames. The passengers on board were trapped. However, four people who survived with various degrees of burns were taken to the hospital,” he said. When contacted, the Abaji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Assistant Corps Commander Moses A. Audu, confirmed the accident and attributed it to over speeding and tyre burst. He said 11 people were involved in the accident, adding that seven people, comprising of six males and one female, all adults, were burnt beyond recognition. He said the remains of the victims were deposited at the Abaji General Hospital morgue. The commander further disclosed that three persons were also injured in another motor accident which occurred on Friday morning at Yaba village junction on the same road. He said the accident happened about 7:34a.m. when a J5 Peugeot bus lost control after one of its tyres burst and crashed into a ditch. He said the injured victims were taken to the Abaji General Hospital.

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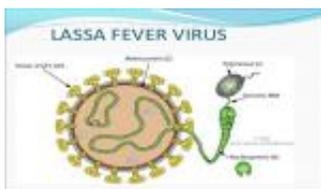
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