

8 killed, 7 injured in Kogi tanker incident

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Eight persons lost their lives while seven others sustained injuries when a trailer loaded with petrol, following failure of its brakes, rammed into vehicles along the Lokoja-Abuja high way.

The accident which occurred yesterday at Felele community along the Lokoja -Abuja highway involved four tricycles, two motorcycles, three cars and a bus.

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A witness, Moses Johnson, told our correspondent that the crash occurred around 8:45 am, adding that the trailer was approaching Kogi, from Lagos with petrol when it lost control as a result of brake failure leading to the incident.

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Our correspondent reports that personnel of the Federal Fire Service drafted to Lokoja for the governorship election, helped to put out the fire.

Daily Trust reports that men of the Federal Road Safety Corps were also on ground to evacuate corpses and other victims of the accident that sustained injuries.

One of the road safety officials, who declined to mention his name while speaking to newsmen, attributed the accident to brake failure on the part of the petrol laden tanker with registration number; JEG 141 XA DAF, adding that 17 persons were involved in the accident.

He said the victims were taken to the Federal Medical Central and Specialist Hospital, both in Lokoja, by men of the FRSC.