

Meanwhile, seven people also died while five others sustained injuries in a head-on collision involving two vehicles in the wee hours of last Thursday at Akpanya village, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

A member of the village, only identified as Shuaibu, said the accident happened around 3:47 am.

He said the driver of an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus with registration number KTG 76 ZY loaded with passengers lost control of the vehicle and collided with a Daf trailer with registration number KWA 183 ZA.

He said seven passengers, including the bus driver, died on the spot, while five others sustained injuries.

According to him, the rescue team of the Kotonkarfe unit command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), later arrived at the scene and evacuated the corpses and those injured to a hospital.

Confirming the accident over the phone on Sunday, while speaking with our reporter, the Kotonkarfe unit commander of the FRSC, ACC Adegoroye O. Isaac, said seven people lost their lives while five others sustained injuries in the accident.

He attributed the accident to speeding limit and route violations, even as he said one of the five injured victims later died at a hospital on Saturday, in Kotonkarfe, where the victims were receiving treatment.

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He said the corpses had been deposited at the Kotonkarfe general hospital morgue.