

Truck kills 60-year-old okada rider, passenger in Kogi

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A 60-year-old commercial motorcyclist and father of 30 children and his passenger have lost their lives when a tipper rammed into his motorcycle along Ganaja junction in Lokoja, Kogi State capital.

An eyewitness account said the accident, which occurred on Monday was due to recklessness of a commercial tricyclist (Keke NAPEP), who left his lane to another lane and was avoided by another trailer heading to Ajaokuta axis.

The source said in an effort to avoid the Keke NAPEP, the okada rider was pushed from his lane by the trailer, where he and his passenger were crushed to death by an incoming tipper.

Confirming the accident, Kogi State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), said: "The man, Abdulsalam Ibrahim, a 60-year old commercial motorcyclist and his passenger were killed by the tipper truck at

Ganaja Junction in Lokoja. The incident was tragic and very unfortunate."

He regretted that the accident cut short the life of the breadwinner of 30 children.

According to him, the accident was a case of hit and run because by the time we responded to the distress call after it happened, the driver and the tipper were nowhere to be found.

He said the corpse of the cyclist had been deposited at the morgue of Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja, while that of the passenger was at Ankuri hospital morgue, Lokoja.

Dawulung, who urged motorists to always observe safety measures including speed limits, advised motorcyclists to always put on their helmets to avoid head injuries.

Also, Chairman, Kogi Motorcycle Riders' Association, Malam Musa Baba-Aliyu, said the deceased rider was an indigene of Katsina and registered member of the union.