

Five die, three injured in Kogi auto crash

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KOGI State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), yesterday, confirmed the death of five persons in an auto crash in the state on Sunday.

The state Sector Commander, Mr. Stephen Dawulung, who disclosed this to newsmen, in Lokoja, said three others sustained injuries in the crash.

Dawulung, who described the incident as "very unfortunate," said the auto crash occurred at Ogbagbo junction along Ejule-Ochadamu road at about 12.47 p.m. when a Nissan car collided with a Mazda

car.

The sector commander explained that the Nissan car lost control while trying to avoid a pothole, veered off its lane and collided with the oncoming Mazda 323 car.

"Unfortunately out of eight persons involved in the fatal accident, four died instantly, while four sustained serious injuries.

"Our personnel, who rushed to the scene after a distress call, rescued the injured four and rushed them to Enemona Hospital, Ejule in Ofu Local Council of Kogi, where the fifth person died while receiving medical treatment.

"The corpses of the five dead passengers have been deposited at the Morgue of the same Enemona Hospital, Ejule.

"The obstructions resulting from the crash were immediately cleared from the road by our officers to allow free flow of traffic," he said.

The FRSC Commander said that the cause of the crash was over speeding and bad roads.

He advised motorists to maintain strict adherence to stipulated speed limits and the use of common Sense speed limits by slowing down in built up areas and bad portions of the road.