

Auto crash claims 12 people, 20 cows on Lokoja-Abuja highway

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NO fewer than 12 people and twenty cows died on Monday in an auto crash which occurred at Irekpeni village on Lokoja-Abuja highway, even as over 16 others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

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The accident reportedly happened at the early hours when a luxury bus on which the victims were travelling made attempt to manoeuvre its way through roadblock mounted by robbers on the road.

The luxury bus with registration number **KRD 799 LC**, according to an eyewitness, which was

coming from Lagos, ran into the roadblock. The eyewitness said that in a frenzy, the driver of the bus tried to avoid the roadblock mounted by the robbers, which he said, led to head on collision with another truck with registration number KTN 711 YZ loaded with cows, that was coming from the opposite direction, resulting in loss of 12 passengers instantly with 16 others injured.

The cows in the truck,

according the eyewitness, were not spared as 20 cows died instantly, and resulted in a gridlock which lasted some hours, before the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) personnel arrived at the scene, to clear the obstruction.

The Kogi State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Charles Abochi, who confirmed the accident, said a total of 73 passengers were involved in the accident.

Narrating how the in-

cident happened, he informed that the luxury bus coming towards Abuja, had a head on collision with the oncoming truck while attempting to avoid a barricade set up by robbers on the road.

The sector commander said the corpses of the victims were deposited at Alhere Hospital and the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) both in Lokoja, the state capital while the injured had also been taken to FMC for treatment.