

14 killed in Kogi road accident

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NO fewer than 14 people lost their lives in a road accident on the Lokoja-Obajana Road in Kogi State on Wednesday afternoon.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the accident, which involved a bus and a truck conveying cement

from Obajana, occurred at Old Akpata village.

According to an eyewitness, the accident occurred as a result of dangerous overtaking by the bus that was heading to Kabba axis.

The source said all the passengers in the bus died.

Meanwhile, the state governor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, had expressed deep sympathy over the death of

the victims.

In a press statement issued on Wednesday by the Commissioner for Information and Communications, Kingsley Fanwo, the governor said, "it is, indeed a sad occurrence and a shame that we lost such promising souls in such a pathetic circumstance.

"As a government, we will strengthen our road

safety measures to ensure that avoidable loss of lives is averted.

"We also call on the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to intensify its surveillance along the roads and ensure that road users obey traffic laws, as well as ensure that only road-worthy vehicles ply our roads. Every life is precious."