Truck crushes four to death in Kogi

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FOUR persons have lost their lives in a ghastly motor accident involving a truck and a tricycle, popularly called Keke NAPEP at Ajaokuta road in Kogi State.

The incident happened at about 7.00 p.m within Gadumo 200 unit, on Thursday.

Saturday Tribune learnt that the truck, which was coming from Ganaja village lost control when he was trying to avoid a bad portion of the road under construction.

The accident victims were trapped under the trailer for several hours calling for help as motorists and commuters made several efforts to get them out of the fully loaded truck.

However, the Kogi State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Solomon Aguire, responded by drafting his men to the scene of the incident, but some angry youths turned them back maintaining that they put a call across to them for over three hours earlier but got no response.

"We have been calling them for over three hours but got no response from them.

"People have been under the trailer for more than three hours and they are just coming. What are they coming to do now when almost all of them are dead," an angry youth asked.

Through combined efforts two of the passengers in side the Keke NAPEP were rescued but one could no make it when they were bot rushed to the hospital.

The truck was later so ablaze by some of the angi youths.