

Nine killed in Kogi, Jigawa auto crashes

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NINE persons have been killed in auto crashes in Kogi and Jigawa states, with several others sustaining varying degrees of injury.

1 In Kogi, three persons were killed on Monday night in an accident that occurred on the Felele-Abuja expressway in Lokoja.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred at about 10:00 p.m. on

Monday.

It was learnt that the victims were burnt to death.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that a vehicle conveying diesel heading for Abuja and some vehicles were involved in the accident, after the tanker had lost control as a result of brake failure.

The state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Stephen Dawulung, who visited the scene, while speaking with newsmen,

said a Dyna Pick-Up van parked by the road side and two other vehicles were also affected by the fire.

2 In Jigawa, the police have confirmed that six persons lost their lives in the accident at Kaugama Local Government Area.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, this is contained in a statement by spokesman for the command, DSP Lawan Shiisu, on Tuesday, in Dutse.

He said three other persons sustained injuries

in the accident, which occurred at about 11:20 p.m. on the Hadejia-Kano road on Monday.

He said upon receipt of the report, police personnel rushed to the scene and evacuated the victims to the General Hospital, Hadejia for medical attention.

He said three others who sustained injuries were already responding to treatment, while the corpses had been released to their relatives for burial.