

# Underage driver loses control as truck rams six vehicles in Plateau, 10 killed

## Three dead in Kogi auto crash

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AN underage truck driver on Thursday morning lost control of his vehicle following a mechanical fault and rammed six other vehicles in Plateau State, while three persons also died in another accident in Kogi State.

The accident in Plateau occurred on the Jos-Bauchi

highway at about 8:00a.m.

The sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, Alphonso Godwin, who confirmed the accident, said the truck driver, who was underage, lost control as a result of mechanical deficiency which led to the removal of the vehicle's shaft propeller.

Godwin said the truck rammed several vehicles,

causing accidents on the highway, killing 10 people on the spot, while 15 others sustained various degrees of injury.

The FRSC boss said the injured were immediately admitted at Toro Medical Centre, while the remains of those who died were deposited at the Bingham University Teaching Hospital, Jos.

An eyewitness had ear-

lier informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that the accident occurred at Zakalio/Babale axis, when the truck conveying goods to the North-East lost control and rammed several vehicles.

The eyewitness added that the incident caused gridlock on the highway, as people residing within the vicinity tried to rescue those trapped in the affected vehicles.

In Kogi, the FRSC confirmed

the death of three persons when a truck rammed a stationary bus at Ogudar village on the Okene-Auchi road at about 10:00a.m.

The FRSC sector commander in the state, Stephen Dawulung, said the corpses of the three occupants of the bus had been deposited at the morgue of Okengwen General Hospital in Okene Local Government Area.

He said: "The Nissan Sunny

sedan was parked behind a truck at a military checkpoint when another truck lost control and rammed it, crushing it between the two articulated vehicles.

"Investigation showed that the brake of the truck failed, resulting in it smashing into the bus from the rear and leading to the death of three persons (all males), while two others were rescued unhurt.