Seven killed in Kogi auto crash

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THE Kogi State sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Stephen Dawulung, has disclosed that seven persons were on Tuesday killed in an accident at Banda village on the Lokoja-Abuja highway.

The FRSC boss said the accident was as a result of overspeeding, which made the driver of the vehicle to lose control and the vehicle somersaulted several times into the bush.

Dawulung said: "My officers, who were on hand shortly after the incident, rushed the victims to the hospital for medical treatment."

The sector commander warned motorists against non-observance of traffic rules and regulations and speeding, especially during the rainy season,

where brakes are hardly effective.

He said: "With the onset of the rains, road surfaces are normally slippery. This situation is normally complicated by poor visibility when driving in the rain.

"Drivers should, therefore, avoid overspeeding to enable them have firm control of their vehicles at emergency times."

In another incident, an articulated vehicle killed a commercial motorcycle rider in Lokoja.

The accident occurred after the motorcycle and a tricycle had a collision, which made the motorcycle rider fall on the path of the truck, which then crushed him.

The FRSC boss said the body of the motorcyclist had been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Lokoja.