

Many fear killed, others trapped as fuel-laden tanker explodes in Kogi

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Many are feared dead while others were trapped as a fuel-laden tanker exploded which led to multiple accidents on Sunday morning along the Lokoja-Abuja Expressway area of Kogi State.

As of time of report, two commercial buses and other commercial vehicles are still in flames.

An eyewitness and others who are still trapped in the road block occasion by the accident involving the trailer and the commercial vehicles said the accident happened directly in front of the Kogi Local Government Secretariat at about 7:00 am.

TRIBUNE ONLINE gathered that the truck driver was conveying the fuel to a destination in the state when he lost control and rammed into other vehicles.

According to the sources, the explosion occurred due to the impact of the collision, and the fire that emanated from the explosion razed the tanker, some vehicles alongside some people trapped in it.

However, emergency responders including officials of the Federal Roads Safety Corps had stormed the scene to salvage the situation and commence rescue operations.

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Confirming the development, the state Sector Commander, FRSC, Stephen Dawlung, said the crash had caused a backlog of traffic along the expressway.

He also noted that many victims were trapped in the crash.