

Truck crushes two to death in Kogi

.FRSC deploys 925 personnel for Sallah

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THE Kogi State sector command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed the death of two persons after a MAN Diesel truck crushed a tricycle in Koton-Karfi area of the state.

The state sector commander, Stephen Dawulung, who confirmed the accident to newsmen, said it occurred on Sunday.

Dawulung said the accident occurred at Magajia village, on the Abuja-Lokoja

highway at about 1:48p.m.

He said the crash occurred when the tricycle conveying two persons drove against traffic and collided with the oncoming truck.

Dawulung said: "Aside from the violation of route exhibited by the tricyclist, both the tricycle and truck were also on speed, which made the accident unavoidable.

"Luckily, our personnel, who arrived at the scene within 10 minutes of the incident carried out recovery and rescue operations, as well as traffic control to ensure free flow of traffic."

The sector commander said relatives of the deceased immediately took the corpses away for burial as they refused to allow them to be taken to the mortuary.

He, however, charged motorists to adhere strictly to speed limits and other regulations to enhance their safety and prevent needless loss of lives.

The FRSC boss reiterated the need for tricycle operators to desist from plying highways, as it is in violation of the National Road Traffic Regulations.

Meanwhile, the command

has mobilised 925 personnel, 25 patrol vehicles, four ambulances and towing trucks on highways for an accident-free Sallah celebration in the state.

Dawulung, who made the disclosure in a statement issued in Lokoja, said the special patrol became imperative due to the recklessness of some motorists during festivities like Sallah.

He said officials deployed comprised regular and special marshals who had been equipped with breathalyzers and other surveillance equipment to keep watch over traffic on highways.