

22 persons die in Kogi accident

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TWENTY-TWO persons were confirmed dead on the Okene-Lokoja-Abuja road around Abubu in Okehi Local Government Area of Kogi State on Sunday.

Residents and road users woke up to see the lifeless bodies of the 22 passengers who were killed in the auto crash, all of whom were males.

The accident, according to sources, occurred around 3.30 am when a passenger bus reportedly ran into a stationary vehicle, killing all the passengers on the spot.

The vehicle, a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XA 499 KGM, was said to be coming from the Northern part of the country and was heading towards Benin in the south loaded before it rammed into a stationary trailer with registration number XA 572 BNK.

An eyewitness said that the incident threw the community into mourning as they cried and wailed on sighting the mangled bodies of the victims before officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission arrived on the scene.

Confirming the incident, the

state sector commander of the FRSC, Mr. Yomi Asaniyan, said that the excess speed might have been might have been responsible for the accident.

He said that the corpses had been deposited at Ankuri Hospital and the state hospital mortuaries, while the remains of the vehicle had been cleared for the safety of other road users.

He, however, advised motorists, particularly commercial drivers, to avoid overloading and desist from night journeys where possible to avoid similar carnage.