

35 die on Lokoja-Abuja Road in one week –FRSC

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The Zonal Commanding Officer, Zone 8 Headquarters of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr. John Meheux, **said at least 35 people died at Kegun on the Lokoja-Abuja Road within one week.**

He said that the use of speed limiting devices would have prevented or reduced such fatalities.

He spoke during FRSC's sensitisation programme on the use of speed limiting devices in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital on Friday.

Meheux said, "As much as 40 per cent of the crashes we have recorded nationwide are attributable to speeding.

"In many countries, there are records to show that since they implemented the use of speed limiting devices, their crashes also dropped. That is what we have adopted.

"Within Zone 8, **at Kegun on the Abuja-Lokoja route, we recently lost 16 people to road crashes. Three days after, we lost 17 and few days again, we lost more. If those vehicles were using their devices and driving within their expected speed limits, the crashes would have been reduced."**

The FRSC Corps Marshal, Mr. Boboye Oyeyemi and the Kwara State Sector Commander, Mr. Sunday Maku, said the corps would begin a full enforcement of the use of speed limiting

devices on commercial vehicles from October 1. They added that the enforcement on other categories of vehicles would later follow.

They urged commercial motorists to comply and avoid being penalised or jailed.

Oyeyemi, who was represented by the FRSC's Assistant Corps Marshal, Mr. Kehinde Adeleye, said President Muhammadu Buhari and the National Assembly had approved the enforcement of the speed limiting device since April.

He added that the FRSC had since been sensitising motorists on the need to install the speed limiting device, warning that defaulters could be jailed.

He said, "Defaulters are committing a traffic offence for which they can be fined or jailed.

"The advantages of speed limiting devices include reduction of wear and tear on a vehicle thereby extending its life span.

"We started this project since 2012 for various reasons; we shifted the implementation dates so that we can consult and interface with the various stakeholders."

Maku said the device would reduce road crashes and fatalities as well as reduce fuel consumption.