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14 killed as cement-laden truck, bus crash in Kogi

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Fourteen persons were reportedly killed on Wednesday in an accident involving an articulated truck and commercial bus in old Akpata along Obajana -Lokoja road in Kogi State.

A statement from the Commissioner for Information and Communication, Kingsley Fanwo, on Wednesday stated this, adding that the government had sympathised with families of the victims.

The commissioner explained that preliminary reports showed that the accident involved a bus and a truck conveying cement from Obajana.

He added that men of the Federal Road Safety Corps had the corpses away from the scene of the accident.

“The governor, government and people of Kogi State express deep sympathy over the demise of 14 passengers of a bus involved in a ghastly accident at old Akpata, along Lokoja-Obajana road today (Wednesday).

It is indeed a sad occurrence and a shame that we lost such promising souls in such a pathetic circumstance.

“As a government, we will strengthen our road safety measures to ensure that avoidable loss of lives is averted.

We also call on the FRSC to intensify its surveillance along the roads and ensure that road users obey traffic laws as well as ensure that only road worthy vehicles ply our roads. Every life is precious,” the statement reads.