

Seven die, five injured in Kogi crash

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FILE: FRSC officials at the scene of an accident

The Kogi State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps has confirmed the death of seven people while five persons were injured when two vehicles were involved in a head-on collision along the Lokoja-Abuja Expressway on Thursday.

The Kogi Sector Commander of FRSC, Stephen Dawulung, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Lokoja on Friday

According to the FRSC commander, the incident occurred on Thursday, when a Toyota Hiace bus had a head-on collision with a DAF Articulated Vehicle at Akpanya, near Koton Karfe, on Abuja-Lokoja Road.

“When the two vehicles collided, seven persons died instantly and five persons sustained injuries.

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“Our officers, who quickly rushed to the scene when alerted, were able to assist in evacuating the victims, especially the injured, for medical attention.

“Already, the injured were rushed to Koton Karfe Hospital, where they are being treated by medical personnel while the corpses are deposited at the mortuary,” he said.

Dawulung further stated that the accident was caused by speed and route violation by either of the affected vehicles.

The FRSC sector commander advised people, especially drivers to desist from night journeys and speeding while being cautious enough to maintain their lanes, to avoid road crashes.