

# Eight burnt to death in Kogi crash

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FILE: FRSC officials at an accident scene

The Federal Road Safety Corps in Kogi State has confirmed the death of eight persons in an accident involving a fuel tanker and four other vehicles at Ankpa town, Kogi State.

The accident occurred on Wednesday by Alo Bridge on the Lokoja-Ankpa-Makurdi Road.

Eyewitnesses said the accident occurred when the tanker brakes failed.

The FRSC also said the two survivors of the accident sustained serious injuries.

The Corps Commander, FRSC, Kogi State, Stephen Dawulung, who confirmed the incident, said three motorcycles were also involved in the accident.

“Our personnel, who rushed to the scene, were able to rescue two injured persons and rushed them to the General Hospital, Ankpa, for medical attention.

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“They recovered eight charred bodies from the burnt vehicles and motorcycles involved in the accident.

“As it is now, we are not sure of the actual number of people in the vehicles and the motorcycles involved in this fatal and very unfortunate accident.

“We are still trying to know the actual figure, more so that the fire is still raging.

“From our findings, the bus was travelling to Makurdi, but no one knows the number of persons inside it and the park it loaded from to enable us to get the manifest for proper assessment.

“The unfortunate thing is that the tanker burst into flame, burning all the vehicles and motorcycles involved beyond recognition. Even the number plates were burnt beyond recognition,” he added.