Six killed, 60 injured in Kogi road crash

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A tragic road accident in Lokoja, Kogi State, has claimed the lives of six individuals and left 60 others injured.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident occurred on Tuesday around 3:00 p.m. near the 'zone 8' Roundabout along Hassan Katsina Road, Lokoja.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps in Kogi, Mr Samuel Oyedeji, said on Wednesday that "an articulated truck travelling from Bauchi to Enugu State lost control, resulting in the devastating crash.

The remains of the six deceased were also deposited at the Federal University Teaching Hospital mortuary."

The crash is another reminder of the urgent need for improved road safety measures, especially in high-traffic areas like Lokoja, a major transit hub for northern and southern Nigeria.

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Eyewitnesses reported chaotic scenes as first responders worked tirelessly to manage the aftermath of the accident.

"It was a horrific sight. People were trapped, and it took hours to clear the scene," said a local resident

Oyedeji urged drivers to exercise caution, especially when operating heavy-duty vehicles, and called on the government to intensify efforts in addressing road infrastructure challenges and enforcing traffic regulations.

"As investigations continue into the cause of the accident, Nigerians are once again reminded of the shared responsibility to ensure safer roads for all," he said.