

One dead, one injured in FCT road crash — FEMD

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A file photo of a road crash incident

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One person has died and another sustained injuries following a late-night road crash involving a Peugeot J5 bus along the Kubwa–Suleja road opposite the Niger Barracks in the Federal Capital Territory.

The FCT Emergency Management Department confirmed the incident, which occurred around 9:21 pm on Wednesday.

In a statement by the Head of Public Affairs of the FEMD, Nkechi Isa, the FEMD said the Peugeot J5 bus, carrying bags of groundnut, burst into flames after running into a heavy-duty truck in front of it.

Isa explained that the charred remains of the fatally injured victim had been handed over to his family for burial.

“The FCT Emergency Management Department (FEMD) has rescued 2 people trapped in a burning Peugeot J5 bus. The accident occurred along the Kubwa/Suleja road opposite the Niger Barracks around 9.21 pm yesterday.

“The Head of Operation, Search and Rescue FEMD, Mr Monday Adie, said the driver of the Peugeot J5 bus was fatally injured from the incident as he suffered severe burns. According to Adie, the charred remains of the victim have been handed over to his family for burial.

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“The accident occurred at about 9.21 pm when the Peugeot J5 bus, which was laden with bags of groundnuts, rammed into a heavy-duty vehicle in front of it and immediately burst into flames,” the statement read.

Meanwhile, the lone survivor, who was taken to Asokoro General Hospital, has reportedly been discharged “at the request of his family”.

The agency also stated that the FCT Fire Service, the Nigerian Army and the FCT Police Command participated in the rescue operation that lasted between 9.21 pm and 1.30 am.

“In a reaction to the incident, the Acting Director General of FEMD, Abdulrahman Mohammed, appeals to motorists to exercise caution while on the road. He emphasised the need for vehicles to be in pristine condition,” the statement added.

He further appealed to FCT residents to always use the 112 emergency toll-free number in the event of a disaster.