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A ghastly auto-crash yesterday at Koton-Karfe, Kogi state, along the Abuja-Lokoja road claimed 16 lives and four others with grave injuries.

Eyewitnesses said the accident occurred at about 1.45 pm when the driver of an 18-seated bus, coming from Lokoja dangerously overtook another vehicle at a corner and rammed into a Dangote truck.

One of the eyewitnesses, Mr Bolaji Aina Ola, told out correspondent " This accident could not have occurred if the driver of the 18-seater vehicle from Lokoja did not overtake so dangerously."

" In the process, it rammed into one of the f Dangote trucks, and I can confirm to you that 16 people died immediately, " he added.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Abayomi Asaniyan, however, told journalists that only 13 persons were killed, with seven others sustaining injured in the crash.

"There would have been more casualties, but for the quick response of our men," he added.

He said the dead bodies of the victims were to the morgue of the State Specialist Hospital in Lokoja, adding that the survivors were also being treated at the same hospital.

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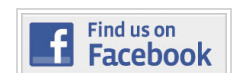
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