

Auto crash claims 5 in Kogi

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Five persons on Tuesday died while 17 others sustained various degrees of injuries in an accident that happened at Zaragi by Mark farm along the Okene-Lokoja-Abuja Highway. An eyewitness said the accidents which happened at about 3 am involved a Daff truck with registration No. SA 793 BBR and an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus with registration No. XC 937 MC respectively.

He said the truck heading towards Abuja overtook another vehicle dangerously and in the process collided with the Hiace bus coming from the opposite direction, killing five persons on the spot and injuring 17 others.

The Kogi state Sector Commander of the Federal Safety Corps (FRSC), Michael Olapade who attributed the accident to human error, blamed the drivers for the crash.

He said the driver of the truck overtook dangerously and rammed into the bus which was also on top speed.

The sector commander added that "the 17 injured passengers were taken to the Federal Medical Centre for treatment while the corpses were also deposited at the hospital morgue". Olapade advised motorists to always obey traffic rules so as to stay alive while saying that most of the accidents were as a result of human error.