

1 burnt to death, 2 injured in Abuja auto crash

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IT was a gory sight at the Katampe intersection of the Kubwa, Abuja Expressway, Wednesday night, as a yet-to-be identified taxi driver was burnt to death in a ghastly auto accident involving his car and two other vehicles.

The two other victims, in very critical condition, were rushed to an undisclosed hospital by an emergency team comprising Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC),

Police and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The accident happened at about 11:00pm and involved a Mack truck with registration number Nasarawa KEF 33 ZD, Peugeot J5 (Nasarawa YA 537 WAM) and Mazda 323 model (Abuja XE 954 BWR).

Daily Sun arrived the scene of the crash at about 11:30pm, when men of the FRSC were conveying the injured to the hospital.

However, there were various accounts of the acci-

dent. But, a young man who claimed to have witnessed it, said there was an earlier accident involving the Mack truck and two other vehicles which led to the truck being abandoned on the highway without a caution sign, while the people argued over the issue.

It did not take long before the J5-laden with fruits and foodstuffs joining the highway from the service lane rammed into the taxi on the major lane and pushed it to hit the stationary truck.

According to him, fire

immediately ignited from the J5 and burnt the taxi driver beyond recognition before help could come. The Taxi driver was the only occupant of his vehicle.

The victims were not identified as at press time and unfortunately, the vehicle's registration number seemed to be the only means that might be used to trace the burnt taxi driver.

When contacted, FRSC Sector Commander for the FCT, Mr. Sunday Oghenekaro said he was yet to be informed of the accident.

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