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12 burnt to death in Abaji auto crash

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TRAGEDY struck yesterday morning when 12 passengers in a bus were burnt to death in a ghastly motor accident that occurred near Bulletin Construction yard at Abaji.

A witness said the accident happened when an 18-seater commercial bus with registration number

XM 811 KSF overtook a vehicle and rammed into a truck with registration number XB 246 SHD.

He said the bus which was travelling to Kano from Lagos, somersaulted after colliding with a truck and burst into flames with about 18 passengers inside. "Rescue officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) rushed to the accident scene to evacuate victims to

the hospital," the witness said.

Our reporter who visited the scene observed burnt corpses placed by the roadside, including that of a pregnant woman.

The accident caused serious traffic jam along the Lokoja-Abuja highway for over an hour, while FRSC officials were seen controlling the situation.

Reacting, Abaji FRSC unit

Commander, Mr. Joseph Ezeh, attributed the accident to dangerous driving and said 12 burnt corpses were given mass burial with the combined efforts of health officials from Koton-Karfe local government and road safety officials.

The commander said six injured victims were taken to Abaji General Hospital.