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8 killed in Abuja-Keffi road accident

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NO fewer than eight people were feared dead in multiple road accidents which occurred at Kugbo Mechanic Village, Nyanya, on the Abuja-Keffi road, while two others were seriously injured.

It was a gory sight when the Nigerian Tribune visited the accident scene and saw mangled and decapitated human bodies crushed in the crash.

An eyewitness told the Nigerian Tribune that one Sunday Oni, identified as the driver of the tipper with registration number XE 154 RSH conveying gravels, had a brake failure and rammed into about 13 vehicles on the same lane.

A commercial bus with registration number: XB 703 YAB, with about 10 passengers on board, was badly smashed by the tipper.

It was gathered that eight passengers in the commercial bus died instantly in the incident, while two who were seriously injured were rescued by road users who arrived at the scene of the accident.

Officers and men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the police, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Vehicle Inspection Officers, Federal Fire Service, special marshals had a hectic time in the rescue operation and controlling free flow of traffic.

The unit commander of the FRSC, Nyanya, Godwin Apochi confirmed that his men had deposited the eight corpses in the Asokoro General Hospital morgue, while the two injured were receiving treatment in the same hospital.

He attributed the cause of the accident to reckless driving and lack of maintenance of vehicles by their operators.

Apochi advised motorists and other road users to exercise patience and always obey traffic rules and regulations to forestall the incessant wastage of lives and property on the road.

Many people who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune appealed to the Federal Government to expand the Abuja-Keffi Road as the road had become a death trap to users.

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