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Robbers kill 1, 3 others die in auto crash in Okene

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MEN of the underworld again took over the Okene-Lokoja-Abuja road on Thursday morning, killing one person while three others died in road accident.

The victims were travelling in luxury buses.

The robbery incident, which took place at about 2.00a.m., occurred at Abobo village in Okene.

An eyewitness said when the robbers flagged down one of the buses, which was coming from Abuja and heading towards the southern part of the country, the driver refused to stop and while he was trying to manoeuvre the vehicle through the road block mounted by the robbers, he lost control and the bus fell into a ditch.

Thereafter the robbers took control; they shot the driver and robbed the occupants of their belongings.

The other luxury bus, which was heading to Abuja, rammed into a stationary bus, killing three on the spot.

The Kogi State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Sunday Maku, who confirmed the robbery operation, said the plate numbers of the ill-fated vehicles had been removed.

He said three of the victims were taken to Okene General Hospital while one was taken to the Kogi State specialist hospital.

He advised travellers and motorists to avoid night travelling due to its inherent danger and to stay alive to celebrate Christmas.

Meanwhile, following the rising armed robbery cases in Okene, Zone 8 of the Nigeria Police Command recently summoned all the traditional rulers in the Central Senatorial District of Kogi State to a meeting.

The Assistant Inspector General of Police in charge of Zone 8, AIG Uzo Amakulor, while addressing newsmen after the meeting said it became necessary to summon the traditional rulers for the meeting as a way of tackling the ugly situation.

He said they had been able to identify certain issues that gave rise to the increasing robbery incidence, adding that they were ready to confront the problem.

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