

# 19 die in Ogun road crash

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**N**INETEEN people, including children, died on the spot yesterday in a multiple accident which occurred on the Fidiwo/Ajebo axis of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway in Ogun State.

The incident, which happened at about 1:00 p.m., involved three vehicles: a cement-laden truck marked AJG 40 XA, a petrol tanker with registration number RAN 571 XA and an 18-seater passenger bus marked AGL 373 XR.

According to an eyewitness, the tanker which was heading to Ibadan, the Oyo State capital had attempted to overtake the truck at a diversion point,

resulting in a head-on collision with the passenger bus.

Spokesman for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi who confirmed the mishap, said all 18 passengers and the driver of the bus died on the spot.

He disclosed that some parts of the road were undergoing repairs, thus necessitating the road diversion at the point of the crash.

Akinbiyi said TRACE personnel, men of the Nigeria Police and officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were promptly at the scene of the incident to evacuate survivors, but unfortunately, found none.