

Auto Crash Claims 19 Lives In Bayelsa

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At least 19 people were feared dead in a motor accident along Kaiama - Opokuma Road, Bayelsa State on Tuesday afternoon.

The accident happened a few metres from the Kaiama Bridge.

The victims were aboard a commercial bus with registration number HP 410 ENY, which collided with a truck with registration number XP 941 ARE.

Their corpses had been deposited at the mortuaries of Kaiama and Patani general hospitals in Bayelsa and Delta states.

Identities of the deceased could not be ascertained at press time.

A witness said the bus was travelling from Port Harcourt to one of the western states when the truck going on the opposite direction collided with it. The truck was trying to overtake another vehicle.

The source said all the passengers aboard the bus died on the spot, while occupants of the truck survived the crash.

Sympathisers, who besieged the scene, wailed uncontrollably.