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A second tragedy hit Abuja on Friday, this time in a road accident which claimed 30 lives; besides the 50 who died when a shopping mall under construction collapsed on Tuesday.

The motor accident involved an 18-seater commercial bus and a passenger trailer belonging to Julius Berger.


Both vehicles were coming from Kubwa to Abuja. The accident happened when the trailer swerved from the fast lane to the slow one in an attempt to avoid a car trying to overtake it on the left.

Unknown to the trailer driver, the commercial bus had gone half way to overtake him on the right.

Eyewitnesses said the trailer hit the bus with a dizzying impact that sent it tumbling into the bush.

The container on the trailer containing Julius Berger workers fell off, smashed the bus, then crushed all the 18 passengers as well as the driver and the conductor.

The crash, which occurred at about 6:30 a.m. near Gwarinpa Estate, threw residents of the area other travellers into deep grief. They wept and some threw stones at anyone in sight.

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