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No fewer than 19 persons, including a driver and a bus conductor, were feared dead on Saturday in a road mishap involving commercial buses and a truck.

The incident occurred when the unfortunate victims, who boarded an 18- seater commercial bus that took off from Obalende in Lagos and was heading for Odogbolu on Sagamu-Ore Expressway when a trailer carrying unlatched earth-moving machine missed its track and veered into the adjoining lane, a witness said.

The unlatched machine, being conveyed to a construction site not far from the scene of accident, tottered and fell lethally on the roof of one of the commercial buses passing by at the time and crushed the occupants, mostly market women, to death.

The ensuing confused atmosphere, witness added, led other vehicles to run into each other, resulting in multiple accident and attendant injuries to many. Some survivors were said to have been rushed to nearby hospitals in Sagamu.

The Ogun State Police Commisioner, Solomon Olusegun, on Saturday said he was not yet aware of the accident, but the Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) for Sagamu, Anto Solomon Yakubu, confirmed the accident to Sunday Independent. He said he won't give the number of deaths, as victims were already evacuated before his men got to the scene.

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