

## 20 Dead, Scores Injured In Imo Auto Crash

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About 20 persons have been feared dead following a ghastly road accident involving a long coaster bus of the Lord's Chosen Charismatic Renewal Movement and a heavy-duty truck in the sleepy community of Orogwe, Owerri, the Imo state capital.

The accident which happened on Friday morning, caused serious traffic gridlock on the busy Owerri-Onitsha Road.

An eyewitness told LEADERSHIP Weekend that some victims laid underneath the coaster bus, uncertain whether they were still alive, but stated that five victims died instantly and had been evacuated by an ambulance to a hospital.

He said the church bus was had a head on collision with the heavy-duty truck and rammed into a Coca-Cola depot along the road killing three of its staff.

"The tipper driver and his conductor also died. The conductor was forcefully pulled out of the back of the tipper and the moving tipper climbed on his head and smashed it. The driver also hit his chest on the steering and bled to death. It was a horrible accident," he said.

Another resident said none of the church members in the bus died though they sustained various degrees of injuries.