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Scene of the accident
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No fewer than two persons were feared dead on Wednesday as a commercial bus collided with a trailer along the Mile 2 end of the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway in Lagos.

It was gathered that the commercial bus driver was driving against traffic to avoid gridlock at Mile 2. The collision was said to have been fatal because both vehicles were moving at top speed.

A source, who claimed to be an eyewitness, said the accident occurred around 8am.

According to the source, who identified himself simply as Ifeanyi, the expressway, where the incident occurred, is usually busy at that time of

the day.

He said, "Traffic on this road is usually heavy, especially during morning hours. Some of these commercial bus drivers resort to driving against traffic (one-way) in order to evade traffic jam at Mile 2.

"The commercial bus involved was driving against traffic from Oshodi, while the trailer driver was on the right lane, on his way to Oshodi. I guess he did not notice the oncoming bus on time. The collision was so fatal that the bus somersaulted, while the trailer veered off the road. Two persons died on the spot."

A commercial motorcycle rider, who identified himself simply as Tony, said he did not witness the accident, but got to the scene a few minutes later.

"I got to the scene a few minutes after the collision. I heard that two of the victims died instantly. I also witnessed how the bus driver, who was trapped inside the somersaulted vehicle, was dragged out. He had multiple injuries and was seriously bleeding. I heard he was later taken to a hospital," he said

A LASTMA official, who declined identification, said the commercial bus was removed by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps and the police.

He said, "I had not reported for duty when the incident happened. When I got here, I saw policemen and FRSC officials towing the bus. The trailer was parked somewhere there (pointing towards the direction), but I don't know when it was removed."

The Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Police Command, Kenneth Nwosu, had yet to get back to our correspondent as of the time of this report.

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