

# 18 die in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash –TRACE

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Eighteen persons reportedly died on Sunday in a multiple accident at the Alapako/Ogunmakin, Ogun State end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The victims were travelling to Lagos from Ibadan, Oyo State, in a Mazda commercial bus, with the number plate, KJA 278 DS, when the vehicle had a head-on collision with a Ford Explorer Jeep, marked GGE 873 XU, which was coming from the opposite direction.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred where there was a road diversion due to ongoing construction work on the road.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, said the accident was caused by wrongful overtaking.

He said, “The 18 passengers on the bus died. The driver of the commercial bus was trying to overtake another vehicle when the bus had a head-on collision with an oncoming Ford Explorer Jeep.”

However, the Ogun State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Clement Oladele, said seven passengers died while 12 were injured.

“The accident was caused by a tyre burst,” he added. He noted that the remains of the deceased had been deposited in a private morgue in Isara-Remo.