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No fewer than 15 persons lost their lives weekend in Calabar, when an 18-seater bus collided with a construction truck at the outskirts of Calabar on the Murtala Mohammed Highway.

The accident occurred about 200 meters from the marble structures that ushers visitors into the city with the inscription: 'This Is Calabar.'

According to an eyewitness who preferred anonymity, "the accident happened on Sunday morning. The 18-seater bus had 16 passengers, they were coming from Akamkpa. Around the Sapex Filling station, the 18-seater bus was trying to avoid a man on a bike and another man pushing a meat pie trolley and I don't know whether he didn't notice a construction truck that was also running down the road and they collided."

According to him, "immediately after the collision, there were bodies all over the road. 15 persons died on the spot. I don't know whether the other person died later."

Continuing, the eye witness said it was a very pathetic scene. There was this man who came up to the scene and pointed at lifeless bodies of his wife and daughter.

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