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A commuter bus yesterday plunged into Ososa river in Odogbolu Local Government Area of Ogun State, barely 48 hours after the corpse of a driver was recovered from the same river.

Our correspondent gathered that the bus loaded with passengers was heading towards Ijebu – Ode when its tyre burst and it plunged into the river.

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A driver had on Saturday night fallen into the river, but his body was not recovered until Monday morning. *Daily Trust* reports that it took professional divers from the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) two days to retrieve the body after the victim's car had been recovered.

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The FRSC spokesperson in the state, Florence Okpe, told our correspondent that the commuter bus was going to Ijebu – Ode from Sagamu, when it crashed into the river.

Okpe, who could not confirm any casualty, said rescue operations were in progress at the time of filing this report.

She said the FRSC rescue team includes professional divers.

“The divers are still working hard to recover the passengers in the ill – fated vehicle, which is made more difficult due to the risen level of the river caused by yesterday's heavy rains, around the Ijebu Ode area.

“The FRSC Sector Commander, Ogun State Command, Clement Oladele, has expressed worries over the incident and has again advised motorists to drive carefully, especially around bridges, considering that the expressway is currently undergoing rehabilitation,” Okpe said in a statement.

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