Five feared dead in Lagos road mishap TIVE people were r feared dead and

Alex Olise. Ifeoluwa Ibirogba and Ayoyinka Olagoke

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into

several others injured

in two separate acci-

dents yesterday on the

In one of the acci-

dents, which occurred

about 10 a.m., a Volk-

swagen commercial

bus suspected to have

had brake failure

crashed into the pro-

tective metal rails a

few kilometres from

the Oworonshoki Bus

stop and hung, sus-

pended, following

which the passengers

panicked and some

attempted to escape by

boarded the bus at

Adekunle shortly after

jumping into

Mainland

Third

bridge.

"We started complaining to the driver to slow down or do something, then the bus hit the barriers and hung precariously in the air. "That was when some

of us started jumping

the lagoon

below." He sustained injuries in his head, hands and legs when the vehicle crashed into the protective rails.

resulted

severe injuries to the

Further ahead at lagoon below. Olowu Bus stop near One of the survivors, Obalende, another Mr. Peter Oke, who is accident occurred receiving treatment at about 8 a.m. The accithe Gbagada General dent said to have hospital, told The occurred when one of Guardian that he the tyres of the vehicle

whom were taken to hospital. Authority (LASTMA)

Of the 10.00 a.m. incident, a Lagos State Traffic Management

official who declined to give his name, said fishermen and the Red Cross team were searching for bodies in the lagoon.

He blamed the accidents, which caused serious traffic jam on the Third Mainland bridge on reckless driving and lack of proper maintenance of

vehicles. The Red Cross, Ikoyi branch Touring Officer, Mr. Ige Oladimeji, said they learnt of the accident about adding responded immediately but by the time we arrived, LASTMA

officials had towed the

vehicles away to ease

traffic."

mand in quick response dispatched a team of marine police-

paign.

men to the scene to prevent the bus plunging into the lagoon at the same time assisting in taking the victims to hospital.

The Police Spokesperson, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police said "the incident was unfortunate and the traffic unit of the force will investigate it." The crash brings to about 10 of such incl-

Third Mainland bridge between January and July this year. In one of such accidents. unconfirmed number of passengers on board a Toyota Hiace bus died inside the lagoon. A police source said most of the accidents were caused by reck-

less driving.

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