

Twelve feared dead in Anambra road mishap

NO fewer than 12 persons were feared dead in a road mishap in Anambra State yesterday.

An inter-state commuter bus plunged into the Idemili River between Obosi and Oba town in the state.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. John Haruna, told reporters in Awka that the accident occurred at about noon and that four bodies had already been recovered.

Haruna, who could not disclose the cause of the accident, said the bus, which was coming from Owerri, had reached Oba, on the outskirts of Onitsha when it crashed into the river.

He said divers from the police command and officers of the FRSC were still at the scene of the accident trying to recover more bodies.

In another development, the commissioner said the command had arrested 155 persons suspected to be members of the outlawed Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MAS-SOB) in a raid on Tuesday.

Haruna said the operation was carried out simultaneously in all the 21 local councils of the state.

He said 397 motorcycles, without registration numbers, were also recovered from miscreants who fled during a special operation by officers and men of the command on "Okada" riders.

He said the motorcycles were suspected to have been used by armed robbers in various operations in the state, adding that more raids would be carried out by the command.