

# 16 feared dead in Ibadan road mishap

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**T**RAGEDY yesterday visited Ibadan, the Oyo State capital end of the Ibadan-Lagos expressway claiming 16 people in a ghastly road mishap along Sanyo area.

The accident occurred when a *Toyota* bus marked XE 238 BDJ coming from Iwo road was suddenly rammed into by a Mercedes Benz car forcing it out of its lane into the Ogunpa River.

Out of the 18 persons in the Lagos bound vehicle, 16 persons died on the spot while the two survivors were taken to a hospital.

A witness, who spoke with *The Guardian*, said that the bus took off from Iwo Road motor park was heading to Lagos when a Mercedes Benz car suddenly appeared and crossed the road and in attempt to swerve, the bus skidded off the road, veered off the bridge and plunged into the nearby river.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were already at the scene when *The Guardian* arrived while bodies of the victims were being moved out of the river for the mortuary.

Although the head of FRSC team to the accident scene, Mr M.T. Odunmbaku, declined to give details, it

was learnt that the deceased persons were first taken to the State Hospital, Adeoyo but were rejected owing to the on-going strike action embarked upon by the doctors.

The bodies were later taken to the University College Hospital (UCH) mortuary, where they were eventually accepted after several pleas with the hospital management.