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Woman dies as car plunges into Lagos lagoon

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The scene of the accident

Tragedy struck on Saturday night when a silver-colour Kia Rio car with registration number Lagos MUS 38 BL plunged into the Lagos lagoon at Mekwe Bridge, Bonny camp, Marina, around 7:47p.m., killing a woman.

The incident involved two occupants identified as Felix Aniele and Chinagorom Adibe Fustine, who was said to be pregnant.

It was gathered that when the incident occurred, Mr. Aniele, who drove the car, swam out to the riverbank. The other occupant, a female identified as Chinagorom Adibe, however, got trapped in the vehicle and drowned with the car in the lagoon.

With the combined efforts of officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), as well as other agencies such as the LASAMBUS, Nigeria Police Force, and the National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA), the car was recovered from the lagoon and the body of Chinagorom was also recovered from the car.

LASEMA's spokesperson, Kehinde Adebayo, said the recovered car has since been towed to Bar Beach Police Station, while the body was deposited at the Mainland Hospital Mortuary, Lagos.

The General Manager of LASEMA, Adesina Tiamiyu, said a full-scale investigation surrounding the incident would be conducted by appropriate authorities. He, however, advised motorists to observe utmost safety while plying the road.

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