

# Two Die In Edo Truck Accident

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One man and one woman died as a result of an accident on Sunday at the *Okada* section of the Benin-Lagos expressway, in Edo State when the 911 Mercedes Benz truck they were travelling in plunged into a river.

Two other passengers, who sustained serious injuries, were taken

to the Igbinedion University Teaching Hospital, *Okada*, where the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the mortuary.

The driver of the lorry still remained trapped under water until this afternoon. The accident occurred about 8 a.m. The truck was carrying yams.

Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) personnel, who were involved in the rescue operations,

said they would need a crane and divers to bring out the driver.

Four passengers were rescued. They said the lorry took off from Asaba in Delta State and was headed for Lagos when the accident occurred.

FRSC Okada Unit Commander, Mr. Uzor Chukwuma, who led the rescue operation, did not want to talk to the press on the accident but referred inquiries to the Edo State

Sector Command of the commission.

More than 80 accidents had been recorded along this particular stretch of the road in the past two months, according to FRSC sources.

The commission had, several times, advised the Federal Road Maintenance Agency to repair the portion of the road in question, to no avail.