16 KILLED IN KADUNA AS BUS PLUNGES INTO RIVER

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No fewer than 16 persons were killed on Wednesday in Kaduna as an 18-Seater Abuja bound bus plunged into the river few kilometers from Kaduna.

The ghastly motor accident occurred at about 9:00 AM along Kaduna-Abuja Highway, killing about 16 passengers on board.

According to an eyewitness the vehicle which was travelling at a very high speed suddenly plunged into a river near Rijana village, few kilometers from Kaduna town.

At the time of filling this report, the Kaduna State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Olumike Olagunju said in an SMS to newsmen that he has dispatched a rescue team to the scene of the accident.

Olagunju however, did not give details where the rescue team deposited the bodies and whether there were survivors or not from the accident, just as he did not also give the number of the vehicle.

The FRSC Boss however confirmed the accident in the SMS, saying, "16 persons killed as vehicle plunged into a river at Rijana village on Kaduna-Abuja highway."

The eyewitness also added that other travelers on the highway stopped momentarily to look at the gory accident scene helplessly as they were unable to assist since the Bus plunged unto the deep River, adding that the likelihood of any survivor was very remote.

He also said that there was heavy traffic jam on both sides of the highway as a result of sympathizers alighting from their respective vehicles to take a look at the accident area, adding that some were only able to make calls to the Road safety and other security agencies on what has happened.

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