

Lagos Helicopter crash: 2 More Bodies Recovered

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The bodies of two passengers of the ill-fated aircraft, marked 5NBGD belonging to Bristow Helicopters that plunged into the Lagos lagoon at the Oworonsoki end of the Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos on Wednesday were yesterday recovered from the belly of the lagoon by a rescue team.

The development raised the total number of deaths to six, while the number of the survivors still recuperating in hospitals in the Lagos metropolis remains six.

Our correspondent gathered

that the recovery of their bodies was achieved after several hours of intensive search and combing of the lagoon by a joint emergency team.

Speaking to journalists, the General Manager, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, Mr Micheal Akindele said that the yet to be identified bodies were recovered around 10 am, in the debris of the crashed helicopter.

He said, "The two remaining bodies were recovered around 10 am, making it a total no of six dead bodies and they have been taken to Mainland Hospital, Yaba, by LASEMA.

Also, concerns are currently high

over the ability of the Gbagada General Hospital to handle severely injured survivors of the crashed. A friend of one of the survivors who went to visit his friend, simply identified as Onoriode, who is one of the three survivors currently being cared for at the Gbagada Hospital said "emergency and disaster management in Nigeria is non-existent."

"More than eight hours after the crash and not a single survivor has had an MRI scan. Why the survivors are still in Gbagada General Hospital is just shocking. That hospital has no single equipment whatsoever," he said.

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