

5 Die As Car Plunges Into Canal In Kogi

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Five persons have drowned in a car that plunged into a canal on River Niger in Kogi State. LEADERSHIP gathered that the incident happened along Omi River in Yagba West lo-

cal government area of Kogi State.

The chairman of Yagba West local government area, Mr Pius Kolawale, who confirmed the incident to newsmen, said the incident was very sad and unfortunate.

Kolawale said one of the

five occupants in the car escaped as he swam to safety, aided by a fisherman, who unfortunately drowned.

"Among the dead are three ladies and two men, including the fisherman.

"The five of them were coming from Oga Communi-

ty on their way to Lokoja but unfortunately just along the canal, where there is a very sharp corner, they lost control and went straight into the canal.

"Only one of the occupants of the car escaped while four died, including three ladies.