

12 drown as bus plunges into river

AT least 12 persons are feared dead in a road mishap at Idemili river between Obosi and Oba in Idemili North and South Local Government Areas of Anambra State yesterday.

Police commissioner Mr Haruna John, who confirmed the accident, said four of the bodies have been recovered by the police divers, and members of the federal road safety commission (FRSC).

He said that the vehicle which was conveying people from the Owerri side of the Onitsha/Owerri road plunged into the river at noon yesterday.

All the passengers were killed, said Mr John.

Eyewitnesses said the accident, which involved a Mitsubishi L300 bus was over speeding before it plunged into the river killing all 20 passengers.

The vehicle, which was said to have loaded in Owerri, the Imo State capital and was heading to Benin in Edo State claimed the lives of eight males and four females. Police were still searching for the other dead bodies.