

11 die in road crash

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NO fewer than 11 persons were feared dead on Sunday in a road accident on the Benin-Lagos Road on the Ovia River bridge.

The accident occurred when a tanker with registration number XP 763 GGE collided with a luxury bus. The tanker plunged into the river.

Seven bodies have been recovered from the river, it was learnt yesterday.

Four others are believed to be trapped in the tanker.

As of press time, the vehicle was still submerged in the river.

Five others were injured in the accident.

The Zonal Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Zakari Nda, said the injured have been taken to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH).

The bodies have been deposited at a mortuary in Benin City.

Nda said officials of the commission were still making efforts to remove the tanker and the other bodies in the river.

The luxury bus is with the police, Nda added.