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Four people were feared dead yesterday when a Hilux van plunged into Majidun River in Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

An eye witness who simply identified himself as Solomon said the Hilux van marked KSF 918 AU belonging to Ikoyi club plunged into the river after hitting the pavement of the river on high speed.

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According to him, "This accident happened in the morning when I was driving out. It is like the driver lost control or something. He didn't slow down before approaching the bridge. The next thing we saw the vehicle somersault into the river."

The General Manager Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr. Femi Oke- Osanyintolu who confirmed the incident said the van has been recovered while rescue operation continued as at the time of this report to recover the bodies of the four missing persons.

According to him, "A Hilux van owned by Ikoyi Golf Club, plunged into Majidun river in Ikorodu at about 5.30am this morning. Upon notification of the incidence, stakeholders moved in to the scene and rescue, operation commenced. The vehicle has been recovered. However, bodies of the four occupants are yet to be recovered."

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Also Navy officer and local divers were at the scene, helping out with rescue operation.

Our reporter learnt that one of the victims identified as Kolawole Ahmed, a manager with Ikoyi Golf Club, drove the vehicle, having closed from work yesterday morning on his way home.

The spokesman of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) South – West, Mr. Ibrahim Farinloye, said the agency had mobilised its officials to the scene of the accident for rescue operation.

As at the time of filing this report, he said the bodies had not been recovered. He, however, assured that NEMA would mobilise more of its officials for the operation.

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