



Five dead as bus plunges into river

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Five passengers died yesterday in an accident at the 4 -Ogbere- Ijebu stretch of the Benin-Ore Expressway.

An 18-seater bus marked ONDO AKR 474 XA plunged into the Omo River.

The remains of two of the five passengers were evacuated at noon yesterday when the bus, filled with consumable goods, was pulled out of the river.

The Ondo State-bound bus left Idumota on Lagos Island in the morning.

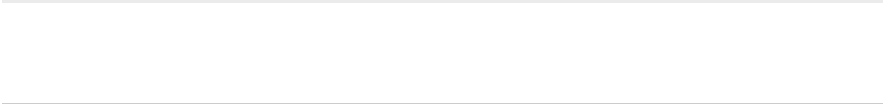
The Ogun State Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Adetunji Adegoke, said officials of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) said five passengers were inside the bus.

“From information we gathered from the RTEAN officials, the commercial vehicle was travelling from Idumota on Lagos Island to Ondo town, when the driver lost control and the vehicle plunged into Omo River on the Sagamu-Benin-Ore Expressway.

“We learnt only five passengers were inside the vehicle- three men and two women.”

The Public Information Officer of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Farinloye, said rescue operation was still on.

“NEMA, in strong partnership with the Ogun State government, Ijebu East Local Government, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the police have mobilised local volunteers and divers to begin rescue operations,” Farinloye said.



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