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TRAGEDY occurred in La-

gos, Monday, as seven people reportedly lost their lives in two separate accidents that occurred on the third mainland bridge, while a baby miraculously escaped unhurt.

The first accident, occurred around 8.30am involved a Volkswagen commercial bus (Faragon) heading for Ketu which hit the railing beside the

bridge at Oworonshoki axis, as a result of over-speeding and the vehicle somersaulted and fell into the lagoon.

Three people were said to have died in the incident including the conductor and two others who plunged into the Lagoon in an attempt to escape.

Eye witness informed that

their corpses were retrieved by marine policemen who combed the lagoon in a rescue operation.

One of those who died in the bus registration number XP492LND was a nursing mother, whose her baby is alive.

Men of the Lagos State Transport Management Au-

thority (LASTMA) and Lagos State Ambulance Services (LASAMBUS) were seen at the scene of the accident trying to rescue some of those who fell into the lagoon.

The second accident was said to have occurred around 9.00am and it involved a private car that scaled the railings beside the bridge and

plunged into the Lagoon.

The accident occurred at the Adekunle intersection of the third mainland bridge.

Witness informed that four occupants were in the car as at the time of the incident and none survived.

As at the time of filing in the report, rescue divers were still combing the Lagoon, with

a view to recover more corpses.

The two incidents however created a serious traffic jam on the mainland bridge.

The Lagos State Command's Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni confirmed the incidents to our correspondent in a telephone chat.

Auto crash claims 7 lives in Lagos