

From left, Commanding Officer of the Nigerian Navy Warship, NNS Unity, Capt. Abiodun Ogunleye; a member of ECOWAS Standby Force Planning Elements of Operation Restore Democracy in Gambia, Group Captain Sampson Eyekosi; the Force Commander, Operation Restore Democracy in Gambia, Air Commodore Tajudeen Yusuf; and Commanding Officer of the Senegalese Naval Base, Commodore Ibrahim Diaw, during the arrival of the Nigerian Navy Warship, NNS UNITY in Dakar, Senegal on Sunday. PHOTO: NAN

## Woman feared dead, 2 others injured as vehicle plunges into Asejire river

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**T**RAGEDY struck on Monday along Ibadan-Ife expressway when a car lost control and plunged headlong into Asejire River, leaving a woman dead, while her husband and one other occupant of the vehicle were injured.

**Metro** learnt that the vehicle, a Honda Vi-Tech brand, was coming from Ife end of the expressway when the driver lost control

shortly before the Asejire bridge and plunged into the river.

When **Metro** got to the scene of the accident on Monday, many motorists parked their vehicles, while commercial buses also stopped to catch a glimpse of the rescue work to evacuate the remains of the woman, suspected to be trapped in the vehicle which was in the river.

About five local divers were also spotted at the scene struggling to pull the

vehicle from the water and attempting to gain entry into it.

As of the time of filing this report, it could not be ascertained if the corpse of the woman had been removed.

An eyewitness informed **Metro** that "the vehicle was on top speed before approaching Asejire bridge. The driver swerved shortly before the bridge and in a desperate move to stop the vehicle, he lost control and plunged into

the river.

"There is no concrete or iron rail on the bridge that can serve as a shield to vehicles and that was why the car plunged into the river. The Federal Government should construct concrete rail to prevent the re-occurrence of such accident in the future," he said.

Meanwhile, officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were seen diverting the traffic by closing the lane to Ibadan to allow for rescue operation.

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