

Seven feared killed as car plunges into river in Bauchi

Two bodies recovered

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in Toro Local Government Area of the state.

S EVEN persons have been feared killed following a lone auto accident caused by a down-pour in Bauchi.

It was gathered that the car in which the victims were travelling plunged into a river on the outskirts of Tilden Fulani, a village on the Bauchi-Jos highway

The accident was reported to have occurred on Saturday morning during torrential rainfall as confirmed by the state's police command.

Reports have it that seven passengers were travelling in a green **Opel Vectra** car with registration number, JNN 348 NC, when the driver lost control and

plunged into a river.

A source in the village said only two corpses had been recovered from the river as of Sunday morning, while the whereabouts of the remaining five passengers could not yet be ascertained.

The source further said the wreckage of the car was removed from the river by residents of the community and passersby who

stopped to help, just as he added that they could not ascertain the identity of the driver and passengers, as well as their destination.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Ahmed Wakil, who confirmed the incident, said two corpses were recovered from the river.

He gave the identity of one of the two recovered bodies as Ibrahim Rabi'u

(41), a resident of Miya Barkate village in Toro LGA, just as he added that the other corpse was yet to be identified.

Wakil said the victims were rushed to the Toro General Hospital, where they were certified dead by a medical doctor, while the corpses were handed over to their relatives for burial.

The police spokesman said: "During the search,

we discovered that the Vectra car was carrying seven passengers. Search operation is still ongoing to recover the remaining five passengers who were on board the car."

He said that in the course of the search, a wallet was found containing a permanent voters card belonging to one Muhammad Alhassan of Zarmaganda, Jos, Plateau State.

RECOVERED chairman, three others