

18-seater bus plunges into river, four killed, 13 rescued

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FOUR bodies have been recovered, while 13 passengers were rescued alive, with one person still unaccounted for after an 18-seater bus plunged into the Black River, a tributary to River Niger in Koton-Karfe community in Kogi State.

The incident occurred at about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, when the driver of the bus allegedly slept off and lost control, thereby, plunging the bus into the river.

The commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in the state, Suleiman Mafara, who disclosed this to Nigerian Tribune in Lokoja,

said on the receipt of the distress call, operatives of the command's Disaster and Crisis Unit, in conjunction with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and volunteer divers, were mobilised to the scene.

Mafara said that four corpses had already been recovered and 13 other passengers rescued.

He, however, said that one person was yet to be accounted for.

The NSCDC boss added that his men and other security personnel were still working round the clock to recover the only person yet to be found.

He added that the corpses had been deposited at a morgue in Lokoja.

