

# Vehicle plunges into Lagos lagoon

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## • Lone occupant's corpse recovered

**S**YMPATHISERS were moved to tears on the Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos, on Sunday evening when a vehicle and its lone occupant were pulled out of the lagoon.

The Honda saloon car marked NJ 674 AAA was reported to have plunged into the lagoon near the Adekunle bend of the bridge at about 10.20pm on Saturday.

Our correspondent learnt that other motorists who saw the vehicle when it entered the lagoon informed the police about the incident.

Although nothing could be done on Saturday, local divers and men of the marine police began a search for the vehicle on Sunday morning.

At about 4.30pm, the ash

colour Honda car was brought out of the lagoon amidst sympathetic wailings by a crowd that had gathered on the bridge.

The driver, who was suspected to be the lone occupant in the vehicle, was brought out lifeless.

Security officials on the scene were able to identify the man as Francis Nwaugo Ifeanyichukwu.

He was said to reside of 9, Sholanke Street, off Ajose Street, Maryland, Lagos.

Our correspondent learnt that the information about the deceased was obtained from documents recovered from the car.

At the time of filing this report, however, no relation of

the deceased had come forward to identify him.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Sunday.

Mba, a deputy superintendent of police, said the police were still unable to decipher what caused the accident.

He said the vehicle had been towed to the Adekunle Police Station, Yaba, for documentation while arrangement was being made to take the corpse to a public mortuary.

"Nearly all the emergency response agencies in the state were on the scene. Local divers and marine policemen really worked hard to recover the vehicle and its occupant from the rover."