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A man was swept away with his car during a downpour in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, on Thursday while another man identified as Ayuba also died in the floods.

An eyewitness said that the unidentified man was driving along Omotara Agboola bridge when he missed his way and drove into the river.

The narrow bridge was flooded but several vehicles and commercial motorcyclists were eager to pass through as the rain got heavier. At a point, drivers and motorcyclists stayed away but the victim decided to move on despite pleas by those around not to do so.

"He was among the many drivers that were trapped at both ends of the bridge. We don't know why he decided to drive through even though the bridge was submerged," said a witness, who simply identified himself, as Biola.

"The tyre of his car fell off the bridge and suddenly, he was gone. He fell into the river and we could not do anything to save him," he added.

Biola said that efforts were made to locate the car and the driver on the other side of the river in Apete but it was too late. He said that some people claimed to have seen the car far away from the scene but without the driver.

Ayuba's lifeless body was found in Dandaru River after the rain while men of the state fire service pulled out the body around 5pm.

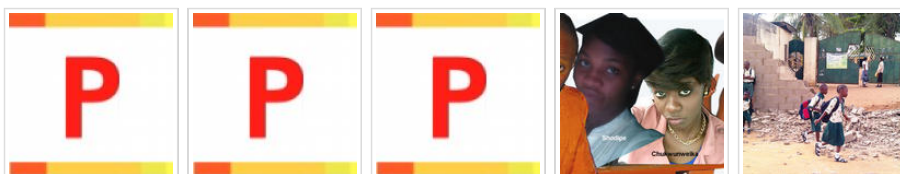
An eyewitness, Koyejo Akande, who knew Ayuba, said he saw him with some boys along the river bank before the incident.

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