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Eleven passengers including a mother and her two female children, who were travelling from Port Harcourt, Rivers State, to Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, in a passenger bus, drowned in a river when the bus crashed into the water.

The Akwa Ibom State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Ramalan Yerima, confirmed the incident in Uyo on Friday.

Yerima said the vehicle involved was a 18-seater bus belonging to a Port Harcourt-based transport company named To And Fro. It carried 13 passengers.

He stated that only two male passengers survived the accident, which occurred at 9pm on Ibagwa Bridge near Wellington Bassey Barracks, Abak Local Government area of Akwa Ibom.

Yerima explained that the driver had tried to dodge a pothole at the edge of the bridge when a CRV Jeep coming behind hit the bus and it skidded into the river.

The sector commander said that the corpses had since been recovered and deposited at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital morgue.

He said that rescue operation was facilitated by the support of Julius Berger, a construction company that provided a crane to pull out the submerged vehicle from the river.

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