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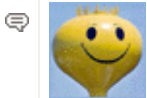


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## 4 Die As Truck Plunges Into River Niger From Bridge



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### 4 drown as vehicle plunges into River Niger

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No fewer than four persons were killed yesterday when a truck in which they were travelling plunged into the River Niger. The accident occurred on the Murtala Muhammed bridge, at Jamata when the Mercedes Benz truck with registration number XF113RBC conveying the traders travelling from Toto in Nasarawa State to Kabba in Kogi State reportedly plunged into the river.

The unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Kotonkarfe, Mr. Olusola Olusegun said the accident happened on Sunday night but his unit got the information around 5 am on Monday.

He said the vehicle may have run into a big pothole on the black water bridge section of Murtala Muhammed bridge and as a result the driver lost control and plunged into the river killing all the four occupants.

The commander said his men were only able to contact the relatives of the deceased through the cell phone they found on them.

He stressed that the pothole on that section of the bridge had been causing numerous accidents even as the remedial work done on the place had not helped the situation.

He called on the Federal Emergency Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) in the state to expedite action in completing the repair work on the bridge, saying that spot

had claimed many innocent lives.

The FRSC boss, however, warned motorists to desist from night travels, stressing that the accident would have been avoided if it was in the day time.







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