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An unidentified vehicle, yesterday plunged into a mining pit in Enyigba community, Ikwo Local Government Area, Ebonyi State.

It was said that the occupants of the vehicle have died in the accident.

They were believed to be on their way to Ikwo from Abakaliki local government area of the state

The number of persons in the car and the type of car could not be ascertained at the time of this report.

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Vehicle plunges into Ebonyi mining pit

While some accounts claimed it was a mini bus, others said it was a salon car.

An eyewitness, Akachukwu Offia, a Lecturer with AEFUN-AI said no help was forthcoming from the company which owns the mining pit despite appeals from him and other commuters.

He said: "A vehicle fell into a pit. Driving from Abakaliki a little distance away from Mining Company some minutes ago, I observed a white car driving along the same direction.

"And suddenly, the car fell into one of the mining pits full of water and just very close to the road. It was like a dream to me while I followed the car a little distance away from behind.

"I quickly stopped other vehicles from both sides to observe the true position of the accident and while we observed more closely, we discovered much wave of the water due to the fall but could not sight the car or the passengers.

"I quickly rushed with another private car owner to the

mining company to report the accident and seek for urgent rescue but the rest were more of protocols which could not render an immediate help.

"Who were the passengers in the car? Whose relatives were they? How could we rescue their dead bodies after about 40 minutes of no immediate solution? And when shall that particular pit and others close by be covered with earth? I was shocked and also wept at the ugly sight. May the LORD repose their souls, Amen", he said.