

# Two Passengers Flung Into Lagoon As Bus Crashed Into Third Mainland Bridge Railings



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Two passengers, a male and a female, were yesterday flung into the Lagos Lagoon as a 20-seater commercial bus they were traveling in had an accident on the Third Mainland Bridge, leaving several others wounded. The crash involving a Lagos Island bound LT bus with registration number FKJ 872 YA occurred early in the morning by the Adeniji Adele axis of the road.

The bus said to be on a very high speed, swerved off the road and hit the bridge railings, thereby flinging the two passengers from the bus into the lagoon. Confirming the incident, the Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of LASTMA, Adebayo Taofiq, said operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), rescued 18 seriously injured accident victims at Adekunle inward Adeniji Adele on Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos. Taofiq disclosed that the 18 seriously injured passengers were rescued by LASTMA Official.

He said, “preliminary investigations revealed that a 20-seater fully loaded, LT Commercial Bus (FKJ 872 YA) while on a high speed lost control as a result of a brake failure and was about to fall into the lagoon before it was stopped by the rail of 3rd Mainland Bridge. “While the bus driver ran away after the accident, Police men from Adeniji Adele Police Station provided security backup during the rescue of 18 seriously injured passengers by LASTMA Officials.” Meanwhile, the Marine rescue team is already inside lagoon on search and rescue mission to see if any of those passengers that fell inside the lagoon will be rescued.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Services and other emergency stakeholders are on ground at the accident scene. General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki has however warned motoring public to

stop over speeding and ensure their vehicles are properly checked, including the braking system before embarking on any journey within or outside the state.

However, the Southwest Coordinator, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mr. Ibrahim Farinloye, said in a statement that: “A fatal crash involving a LT 18 seater registration number FKJ 872 YA occurred by Adeniji Adele axis inward Lagos Island. “On a very high speed swerved off the road and hit bridge rails and caused the 2 passengers flung off into the lagoon.”

Farinloye also disclosed to journalists that the vehicle had been towed to nearby Adeniji Adele Police Station. He said that personnel of the Marine Police were in search of the two adults, a male and female, who fell off the LT 20-seater bus.