

Lagos: 2 adults, 5 youths drown within 2 days

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* The body of one of the drowned passengers of the ill-fated bus that crashed on Third Mainland Bridge on Wednesday was recovered within the vicinity of the incident scene on Friday.

Also, the Lagos State Police Command said that seven people have been confirmed dead by drowning within two days in the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement on Friday said that the police were still investigating to know how the people died through drowning almost on the same day.

He said that between April 10 and 11, seven people drowned in hotel swimming pools, beach and Lagoon.

* It was gathered that on April 10, at about 10:45 am, a distress call was received at Adeniji Adele Division that one LT commercial bus, with registration number: FKJ-872-YA that was conveying about 20 passengers to the Island allegedly had a brake failure; lost control and rammed into the guard rail on top of Third Mainland Bridge, inward Adeniji Adele, Lagos.

As a result, 18 passengers sustained serious injuries, while two others fell into the lagoon. According to a senior police officer, based on the report, teams of personnel of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), and other emergency responders were swiftly mobilized to the scene; the injured victims were rescued and rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.