

Five die as bus plunges into river

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ENUGU—AS the nation mourns the death of over 100 Nigerians that perished in the ADC airlines crash last Sunday, no fewer than five passengers lost

their lives again in Enugu yesterday in a ghastly auto crash:

The accident occurred at Awkananaw, Enugu, when a 14-seater bus belonging to Peace Mass Transit company coming from Port Harcourt to Enugu had a burst tyre, and plunged into a nearby river.

According to reports, five of the passengers were discovered to have died instantly while others that sustained severe injuries were rushed to nearby hospitals.

An eyewitness said "the bus was on high speed when one of the tires burst. While attempting to manoeuvre, the driver lost control and the

bus somersaulted and fell into the Nyaba river in Akwunanaw. "When we heard the noise of the crash, we quickly ran down to rescue the victims. But five of them died immediately, and most of the survivors were in critical conditions.

They were later taken to hospital. It was a serious accident". The vehicle was said to have been damaged beyond recognition having somersaulted two times before falling into the river. The surviving passengers blamed the driver for excessive speeding, adding that the accident could have been avoided if the speed was under control.

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