

2 feared dead as bus plunges into river

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ABEOKUTA — AN 18-seater bus yesterday morning plunged into a river on the Sagamu/Benin Expressway killing two of the three persons.

Sympathisers thronged the scene to help the victims while officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE) were able to rescue one of the passengers.

But two others, the driver and a female companion were still trapped in the bus and were believed to have been killed in the accident.

A witness, Mr. Solomon Adebajo, said: "We were facing Sagamu, when all of a sudden we saw the bus hit the rail and jumped to our side from the opposite direction.

"Before we knew what was happening, it was already in the river. It was after we stopped that we discovered that a heavy duty trailer had hit the bus. We had to chase the trailer to the old Ijebu-Ode toll gate because he refused to stop and help the accident victims."