

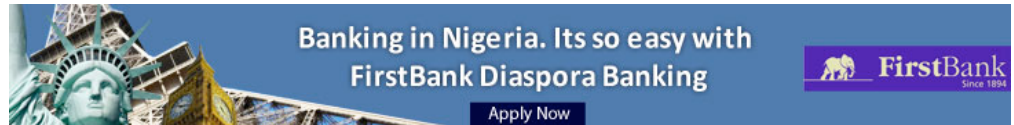
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By DAUD OLATUNJI

ABEOKUTA— Tragedy Struck on Tuesday evening, when two cars reportedly plunged into a river along the Ondo-Benin road, precisely at Ososa- Ijebu, in Odogbolu Local Government Area of Ogun State.

One of the cars was retrieved with one of the passengers dead while others sustained injuries.

However, there was anxiety, as one of the cars with uncertain number of occupants, was said to have sunk after it fell into the river and could not be evacuated from the river by the rescued team 24 hours after .

Confirming the incident, the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps,

TRACE, Commandant in Ijebu zone, Kunle Ajibade told Vanguard on phone that, the incident which occurred at 4:03 pm on Tuesday, involved two cars.

He disclosed that it was an hectic task for the TRACE, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Fire brigade and Policemen from Odogbolu and Ijebu-Ode, before the three occupants of a Camry model car could be rescued after it plunged into the river .

Ajibade, while giving the details of the incident said, "I have the video clip of the incident.

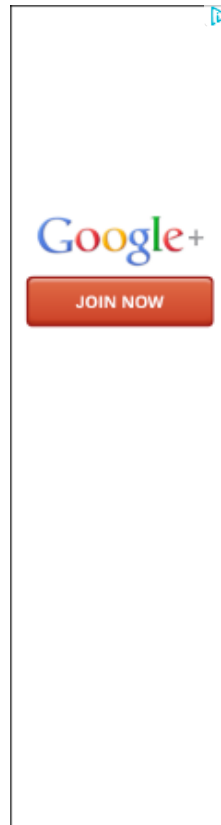
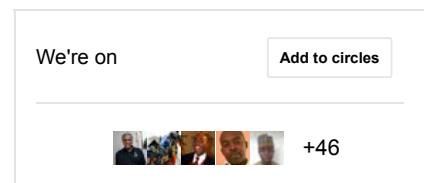
"The two vehicles fell into the river, but, one was lucky as it stopped at the river bank, it had three male occupants, one was dead, one was unconscious and the third conscious, the injured have been taken to hospital.

"The other vehicle is still in the river, with all the occupants. We will monitor it, hoping to see the vehicle and the occupants floating in the next three days" he said, while adding that, he is in possession of the mobile phone of one of those taken to the hospital .

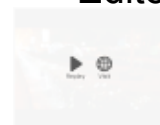
He further said that, the accident would have been averted, if the two drivers had been patient with each other, saying that, their action had led to the loss of innocent lives.

Findings however showed that, the accident caused a traffic snarl on the highway as the men of the TRACE and other agencies were busy controlling the

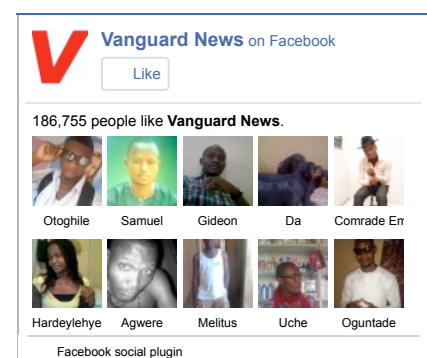
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traffic.

Ajibade, who told the Vanguard that, some eyewitnesses told him that, the driver of one of the cars which carried the occupants that were rescued was driving against the traffic, which caused the accident.

He said: "Let me tell you one thing, the simplest way to die, is to drive against the traffic. And anyone doing that is either the person is suffering from psychological problem or the person is ready to die.

"My humble advice to all road users is to be patient on the road as who drive safely, gets home safely."

As at the time of filing this report, the plunged car was yet to be evacuated from the river, while fear has gripped some people whose relatives plied the road.

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