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## 3 dead, 3 rescued as SUV plunges into Delta river

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**U**GHELLI—THREE persons were, weekend, feared dead, while three others were rescued when the Land Cruiser Prado Jeep they were travelling in plunged into the Agbarho River along East-West Road in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.

The white-coloured vehicle, with number plates Abuja DK 652 ABC, was conveying six male occupants—motor mechanics and electricians—all staff of an indigenous construction company in the area.

Though the cause of the accident could not be ascertained, one of the survivors, who simply identified himself as Freeborn, disclosed that they were on their way back from Bayelsa, heading to Warri when the accident occurred.

He gave the names of those feared dead as Jiwere Godsend Olotu, a cousin to the owner of the construction firm, a mechanic, Lucky, an electrician and Musa, a mechanic.

He said: "We had gone to Bayelsa to fix one of the company's trucks and were on our way back when the steering and brake stopped working right on the bridge, only for it to fall into the river.

"We had dropped one of our colleagues, who lives in Agbarho at the junction close to the bridge, when the jeep plunged into the river."

Confirming the incident, the State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Rindom Kumven, stated that a search for the bodies of the three other occupants is still on.

He said: "The survivors were rushed to Agbarho General Hospital. However, the other occupants could not be rescued due to the high currents of the river.

"The search continues as all efforts to bring out the remaining travellers failed."