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Check on history of driver in bus plunge

JOHOR BARU: Police are investigating the history of the driver whose bus ended up in the Tebrau Straits at Stulang Laut here on Thursday.

Johor Baru (South) Traffic chief Deputy Supt Ooi Kok Siong said police had taken urine and blood samples and sent them to the Chemistry Department.

"The bus has been sent to Puspakom for inspection," he said yesterday. The police have also asked the bus company's management to come forward for questioning.

Meanwhile, the body of Esa Aman, 47, was buried in Kampung Melayu Majidee cemetery while 49-year-old Kweh Mei Phing's body was taken by family members to Penang for funeral arrangements.

Esa and Kweh died while nine others, including the driver, were injured when the bus plunged into the sea after it ran off Jalan Ibrahim Sultan. The injured were admitted to Sultanah Aminah Hospital.

Search and rescue operations are continuing as police fear some passengers might have been washed out to sea.