

# 5 Teenagers Die In Gombe Boat Mishap



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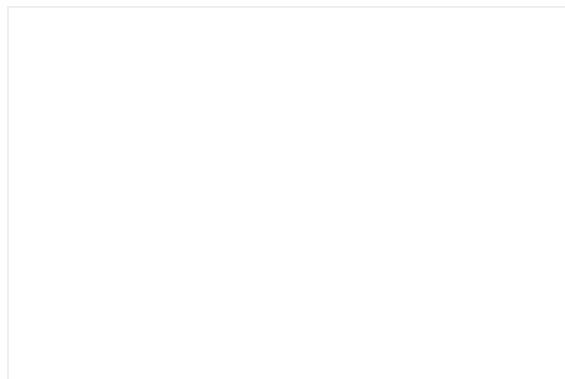
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**Five teenagers have died in a boat mishap on the Nafada River in Nafada Local Government Area of Gombe State.**

The tragic incident occurred on Saturday when a boat ferrying passengers across the river to a village market capsized, throwing the passengers into the water.

The victims were identified as Najib Ibrahim (18), Hauwa’u Jidda Adamu Siddi Dogal (15), Ummati Haruna Baraya (16), Umaira Gidado (16), and Amina Jaliya (15).



Gombe State Governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy, describing it as heartbreaking and painful, particularly given the young ages of the victims.

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The governor, in a statement by his spokesperson, Ismaila Uba Misilli, extended his condolences to the bereaved families and the entire Nafada community, praying for the repose of the deceased and comfort for their loved ones.



He also emphasised the need for strict adherence to safety standards in water transportation, calling on local government councils, community leaders, boat operators, and regulatory agencies to intensify efforts towards ensuring that all safety protocols are observed to prevent future tragedies.

He directed the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Nafada local government council to provide every possible support to the affected families and work closely with relevant agencies to enhance safety and awareness in riverine communities.