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Boat mishap: Death toll rises to 11 Sports

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> Three more bodies were yesterday recovered from the boat mishap that claimed eight lives which occurred in Igbo-Egunrun in Ilaje local government area of Ondo State on Easter Sunday .

> The bodies were recovered following fresh search by divers from Igbo Egunrun community, who searched through the Oloto water ways to the scene of the accident in the local government

> Speaking with newsmen, the traditional ruler of Igbo Egunrun, Oba Philip Olatunde Kalejaye said four of the earlier dead bodies were students of the Federal University of Technology Akure, the state capital four from the University of Ado Ekiti, in Ekiti state.

> He said four of the recovered bodies were female while five were males, adding that the number of victims of the accident has now increased to eleven.

> The students were coming back from their Easter retreat at Igbo Equnrun when their boat capsized leading to their death.

> Oba Olatunde who expressed shock over the accident regretted that lives were lost during the Easter celebration.

> It will be recalled that the tragic incident occurred about 2.30pm last Sunday as result of heavy presence of water hyacinths on the waterway.

> The victims of the boat mishap were returning from annual Easter retreat before their canoe capsized with about 20 passengers on board.

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