4 killed in Jigawa canoe mishap

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Four people yesterday drowned when a canoe which they were travelling in capsized Shuwarma village in Kirkasama local government of Jigawa state.

An eye witness, Malam Iliyasu told Daily Trust that the canoe was on its way

to Gubusum village when the accident occurred.

Jigawa state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Abdul Jinjiri who confirmed the incident said the victims were from Machina in Yobe state.

"We have received a report that nine persons boarded a canoe from Shuwurma

village in Kirkasama local government on their way to Gubusum village. The canoe later capsized and the villagers were able to rescue five people while four died. Those that died included two men, a woman and her child."

He said the police confirmed that there was no sabotage and the corpses have been handed over to their families.