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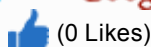
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The Police in Benue State have confirmed three people dead in a boat mishap in River Benue behind Kyabiz Hotel along Gboko road in the state capital Makurdi.

Spokesman of the command, Moses Joel Yamu, said the incident which happened at the weekend, involved seven people aboard the boat.

Yamu said that of the seven, two persons swam to safety when the boat capsized while five went missing until yesterday when the police search party recovered three corpses.

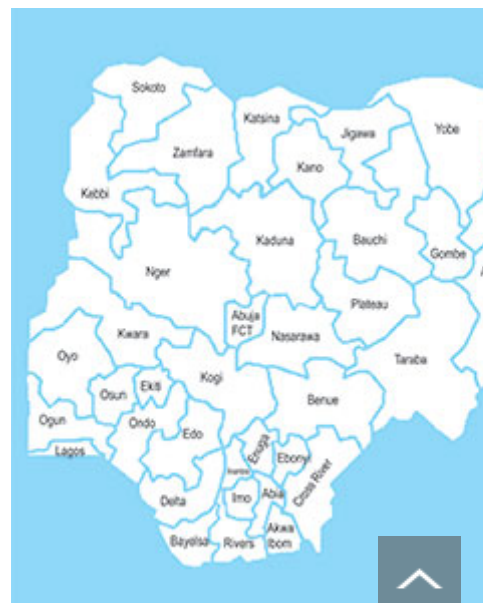
He said search was still ongoing for the two remaining people.

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Our correspondent gathered that the seven people aboard the boat consisting of six women and the driver, a male, were on their way returning from the North Bank axis of Markurdi to the South bank where they went farming, as the women, all from Terwase-Agbadu, a suburb of Makurdi metropolis, were engaged in vegetable and maize farming on the North bank of the River Benue, until Friday when the tragedy struck during a torrential rain between 2:00pm and 3:30pm.

The boat driver had immediately swum across to the other side and raised an alarm which attracted local fishermen who immediately launch a search for survivors and found one of the women alive about a kilometre away at the bank from where the incident happened.

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