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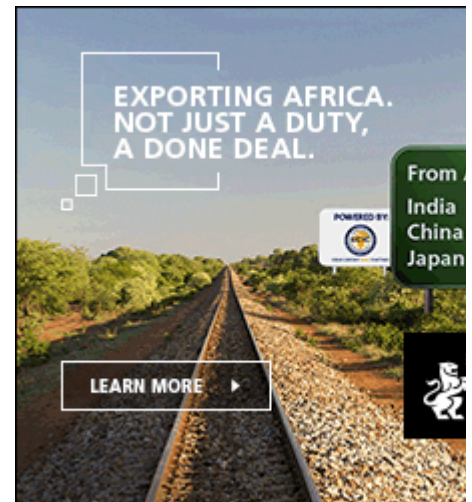
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Five people died in Gidan Goga district in Maradun Local Government Area of Zamfara State after a boat ferrying them capsized.

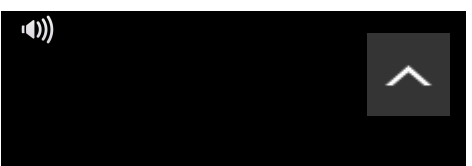
The chairman of the local government, Alhaji Yahaya Shehu Maradun, told Daily Trust yesterday that the victims were mostly kids.



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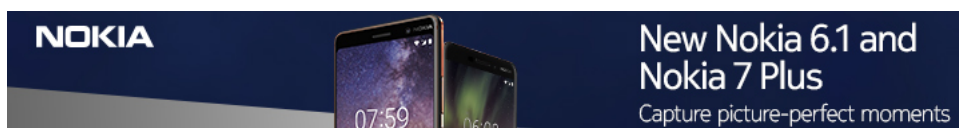
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He said they had been buried in their communities.

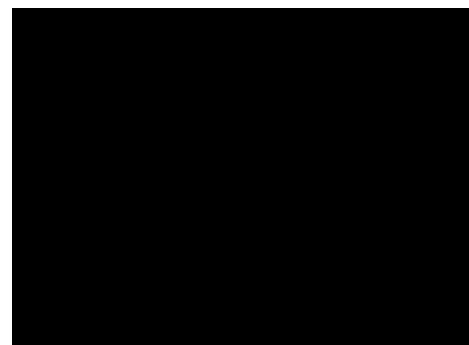
He said the mishap happened as they were trying to cross a river.

But another source said the victims were fleeing their community after a levy was imposed on them by suspected armed bandits and cattle rustlers.

“You know a levy is being imposed on the communities by armed bandits as a precondition to avoid attacks, and when the residents learnt that they could not pay the money, they decided to flee the community. Some of them died trying to cross a river,” the source said.



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