

# 10 killed in Lagos boat mishap

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Rescuers have so far recovered 10 bodies of some passengers on boat that capsized Saturday night in Lagos.

Eight bodies were recovered yesterday in addition to the two found on Sunday.

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It was learnt that there were about 22 passengers on board when the boat capsized around 8pm.

The boat, which took off from Badore area of Ajah, was said to be heading to Egbin area of Ikorodu when it disappeared.

One of the rescuers said that there was no possibility of any survival and that the bodies of the victims would soon begin to float.

Confirming the incident, the Chief Executive Officer of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Oke -Osanyintolu, who led the rescue operations, said the overloaded boat was overturned by heavy sea current.

He said: “A boat mishap occurred at Ipakan Boat Jetty, Egbin, Ikorodu area of the state. Investigations conducted revealed that the boat was enroute Badore (Ajah) to Egbin (Ikorodu) with between 17 and 21 passengers on board. The boat allegedly capsized due to overloading. It was gathered that the boat was overturned by the heavy current.

“Three persons were rescued and were taken to hospital. Unfortunately, the lifeless body of an adult female, identified as Aniyikaye Oluwaseunfunmi, 40 years old, and unnamed person were found by the agency’s response team.”

As of the time of filing this report, rescue and recovery efforts were still ongoing by the LASEMA, the Lagos State Waterways Authority officials and the marine police.

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