

JIGAWA

Boat accident kills seven girls in Jigawa

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Seven girls aged between 10 and 12 reportedly died when their boat capsized in Gamafoi Village of Kafin Hausa Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that the children, who were 10 in number, were travelling to Gasanya Village in Auyo Local Government Area for a religious activity.

The Gamafoi Village head, Malam Adamu Gamafoi, who reported the incident to the police said: "The incident happened at around 3:30 pm when a boat capsized. Three of the occupants were rescued, while seven died."

Our correspondent also gathered that the victims were in a hurry to reach their destination and decided to drive the boat parked at River Gasanya by themselves in the absence of a craftsman.

He said a medical doctor at Kafin Hausa General Hospital confirmed them dead.

In a statement, the spokesman of the Police Command, ASP Lawan Adam, said, the incident occurred when the victims were going for Maulud celebration.