

10 die in Niger boat mishap

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Ten persons have reportedly lost their lives in a boat mishap in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

Residents told *Daily Trust Saturday* that the incident happened about 4pm on Thursday evening when the victims, mostly traders, were conveying goods from Zongoru community of Bassa ward to Gijiwa ahead of Friday market in Kuta, the headquarters of Shiroro LGA.

Our correspondent gathered that 32 people were on board the canoe, out of which 10 persons lost their lives while 22 were rescued by local divers.

Saidu Salihu, the secretary, Coalition of Shiroro Association, confirmed the incident yesterday, saying that among the dead were 9 female and 1 male.

The officials of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency have confirmed the incident.