

# Six women die in Taraba ferry mishap

**I**T was a bad weekend for six women who died in a boat mishap in River Benue on Friday. About 20 others survived the accident.

According the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), the incident occurred as the boat in which they were crossing the River Benue at Jen Village in Taraba cap-

sized midway.

Local divers recovered four bodies while two bodies are still missing.

In a quick reaction, Taraba State Governor Danbaba Suntai approved the release of relief materials worth N1.2 million to the families of the victims.

The package was delivered to them on Saturday

by a special delegation, headed by the Deputy Majority Leader of the House of Assembly, Mr. Oliver Suleiman.

The delegation, while in Jen, commiserated with the *Wakilin Jen Ardido*, Alhaji Samaila Agwaru and the *Wakilin Jen Kaigama*, Alhaji Ahmadu Kiledu, over the incident.

Suleiman said the gov-

ernment and the people of the state were touched by the incident.

He described the incident as unfortunate and advised the Jen community, particularly the bereaved families, to consider it as an act of God.

The traditional rulers thanked the government for identifying with them.

The delegation later visited each of the bereaved families and presented cash and relief materials to them.

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mandated to oversee the renovation in their locality.