

Canoe mishap kill six teenage girls in Kebbi

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Six teenage girls were confirmed dead on Tuesday in Kebbi State after a canoe mishap in Suru Local Government Area of Kebbi state.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Birnin Kebbi, Suru Local Government Chairman Umaru Maigandi said that the incident occurred when the canoe capsized while ferrying the victims across Tindifai River on Monday.

According to him, the canoe left Tindifai village conveying nine girls to a Fadama area where they were going to harvest rice but it capsized along the way.

“The village is close to Bendu in Tundifai; they were going to harvest rice in the Fadama area when the incident occurred and resulted to the death of six females.

“The deceased were between the ages of 12 years and 15 years.

“The three other victims had been rescued alive by the driver of the canoe, Umar Faruk, a 13-year-old.

“The deceased had been buried according to the Islamic rites, and we have condoled the families as well as sympathised with those that survived the mishap,” he said.

Maigari attributed the incident to overloading because it only has a capacity for five passengers.

The chairman said the council would sensitize the communities to the dangers of canoes overloading, particularly those in the riverine communities of the state.



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