

# ② Two passengers die, 15 rescued in Lagos boat mishap

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**A**BOUT two passengers have been confirmed dead, while 15 others were rescued when a 17-passenger boat capsized on the waterways in Ikorodu Local Council of Lagos State. *The Guardian* learnt that the accident occurred when the boat named "R & N 2", suddenly developed a mechanical fault barely 200 metres away from the terminal in Ikorodu.

According to sources, the boat, after setting off to its destination on Lagos Island, suddenly submerged immediately after it departed the Ipakodo ferry terminal in the Ikorodu area.

Confirming the mishap, General Manager of Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, disclosed that the accident occurred at about 7:45a.m. on Wednes-



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day.

Emmanuel disclosed that water guards, as well as the search and rescue team of the LASWA, were mobilised immediately to the incident scene, leading to the rescue of 15 people.

According to him, while two female unconscious passengers were rushed to the nearest hospital for treatment. They were, however, later confirmed dead at the hospital.

"The boat captain is currently being investigated by the relevant authorities while full investigation into the cause of this mishap is ongoing, to get more details," he said.