

# Nine feared dead as boat capsizes in Sokoto

**A**BOUT nine passengers were feared dead yesterday when a boat with more than 35 persons onboard capsized on River Rima along Dundaye Axis in Wamakko Local Council of Sokoto State.

*The Guardian* learnt that one dead body has so far been recovered, while about 25 victims made it to the shore

alive.

It was also gathered that Head of Operations, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Sokoto Operations Office, Aliyu Shehu Kafidangi, Special Adviser, Sokoto State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Nasiru Garba, and the Red Cross have visited the scene to profile the victims.

Some of the survivors and eyewitness accounts said that the boat capsized due to overloading.

Occupants of the boat comprised the elderly, women, children and youths who were crossing the River to their farms.

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to the Sagamu Road Police Division on August 3, at about 6.00 p.m.

Hundeyin said the company was located at the Industrial Scheme of the Odogunyan area in Ikorodu, Lagos State.

According to him, the safety officer reported that on the same date, at about 3.15 p.m., the contract staff attached to the company's AOD Section allegedly ran to the iron

melting pot, which was out of bounds to all the staff during operation.

"He jumped into it. All efforts made by his colleagues to stop him proved abortive. His body burned completely. Detectives from the station visited the scene of the crime. The family of the deceased has since been contacted. An investigation is ongoing," Hundeyin added.