
Two Die, Seven Survive, As Boat Capsizes In Warri River

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At least two persons were said to have died at the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Warri, on Saturday, when their boat capsized. Seven others however survived the mishap

alleged to have been caused by the NPA boat.

It was gathered that two of the survivors of the boat mishap disclosed that their speed boat capsized due to the uncontrollable wave from one of the NPA's boat as they were unable to swim.

The deceased who was identified as Loius Okpare from Ughelli North Local

Government Area of Delta state was one of the two victims that had been found at the side of the river while the other deceased was yet to be found.

A source who pleaded anonymity said the incident occurred between New-Port and Ogunu along the river, at about 1 p.m., saying that Louis Okpare and one other died in the incident

while the seven others were rescued by the a Naval Boat and were brought to the Marine Police Station.

The source had alleged that the incident was caused by the NPA's Boat, adding that it was the wave of their boat that capsized the Speed Boat when the driver lost control of the boat leading to the death of the two persons.

The source also said the incident wouldn't have resulted to death if the Nigeria Port Authority had taken precaution by ensuring that its passengers put on Safety Jackets before sailing.

The father of the deceased, Mr. Joshua Ogbatejiri Okpare in a telephone chat said he received a call that his son (Loius Okpare)

and one other person died in boat mishap while other seven persons survived it through swimming without life jackets.

All attempts to reach the NPA General Manager and the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer for comments proved abortive but a source at the NPA Yard Warri confirmed the incident.