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Four Family members who boarded a canoe from Hayi Maciji heading to Rafin Guza in Igabi local government area of Kaduna State yesterday lost their lives when the canoe capsized inside River Kaduna.

At the time of filing the story, details of those who died, particularly their names, could not be ascertained. It was however gathered that the victims include a mother and three children.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Sarkin Rafi, Alhaji Dauda Abdullahi blamed the paddler of the canoe for the unfortunate incident.

According to him, the said paddler, Zubairu Yusuf was known to be a drug addict who had been engaged in the habit for a long time now.

He said, "Yes, it is true that we lost four passengers at the river. Although people will say it is the will of God, to me I am very annoyed because it is the carelessness and disobedient nature of the said Zubairu Yusuf who they popularly called General.

"We have a law that no canoe should convey more than five passengers on a trip but because of disobedience and influence of drugs, paddlers such as Zubairu will disobey the order and take as many as 10 to 17 passengers on a trip. This is overloading and makes paddling the canoe difficult, moreso when the paddler is under drug influence."

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