

# 3 Dead, 17 Rescued As Boat Capsizes In Borno

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Three farmers conveying yams from a riverbank in Kubo ward of Shani Local Government area of Borno state on Monday lost their lives after their boat capsized as a result of overloading.

According to the Northeast Zonal Office of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), 17 of the 20 farmers on the boat that capsized were rescued alive.

The NEMA office, while quoting the Chairman of the local government, Abdu Labaki, said, "Honourable Chairman of Shani LGA said the incident occurred in the early hours of today, 25th August, 2025, involving 20 farmers in their effort to be conveyed to their farms located on the river site.

"The boat capsized due to overloading. Seventeen people were rescued alive, but three died and their bodies were recovered," the NEMA office

said.

Meanwhile, a resident in the area, Audu Abu, who also confirmed the incident, said search efforts are still underway to locate and determine whether there are still missing persons.

Abu said, "The tragic canoe crash occurred at River Kubo in Shani Local Government Area, specifically in Kubo Ward. The canoe, which was carrying over 27 people, met with an unfortunate accident, leaving three people dead.