

Kogi Mourns Victims Of Ibaji Boat Accident

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Kogi State government said it received with deep sadness the news of the boat accident in River Niger, late Tuesday. involving traders travelling from Ibaji to Illushi Market in Edo State.

In a statement by the state commissioner for Information and Communications, Kingsley Femi Fanwo, the government regretted that the unfortunate incident allegedly claimed the lives of not less than 26 passengers, saying this is a heartbreaking loss,

He said the governor assured that the state government will intensify ongoing efforts in collaboration with federal agencies to improve safety measures on our

waterways in order to prevent a recurrence of such a tragedy.

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He however called on the people, especially riverine communities, to always prioritise safety by avoiding overloading and by using life jackets and other precautionary measures whenever they travel by water.

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“Reports indicate that the unfortunate incident has allegedly claimed the lives of not less than 26 passengers. This is a heartbreaking loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased, as well as the entire Ibaji Local Government Area, in this moment of grief.

“His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, has expressed deep condolences to the bereaved families and has directed relevant agencies, including the State Emergency Management Agency, to work with local authorities to provide immediate support and relief to those affected.

“The Governor further assured that the State Government will intensify ongoing efforts in collaboration with federal agencies to improve safety measures on our waterways in order to prevent a recurrence of such a tragedy.

We call on our people, especially riverine communities, to always prioritize safety by avoiding overloading and by using life jackets and other precautionary measures

whenever they travel by water.

“The Government of Kogi State stands with the people of Ibaji LGA and will continue to support them through this difficult time.”