

# 50 feared drowned in boat mishap

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was said to be heading for Korokrosei community.

The cause of the mishap could not be ascertained, but sources said that it may not be unconnected with the overloading of the boat.

It ran into a stormy weather.

Eye witnesses said the stormy weather which later led to the mishap of the boat occurred shortly after the

boat had left Angiama communities where some passengers had earlier disembarked.

With the rough weather that caused heavy waves to enter the heavily loaded boat, it then sank with almost every passenger on board, sources disclosed. The cloudy weather was followed with a heavy rainfall which made it difficult for immediate rescue operations, it was learnt.

**A**BOUT 50 passengers were feared drowned yesterday when a boat carrying traders and their wares sank in Bayelsa State.

The boat left Yenagoa for some villages in the Southern-Ijaw council on the Nun River in Bayelsa State when the incident reportedly occurred yesterday afternoon.

The actual number of passengers could not be ascertained as of press time, but about 50 passengers were on board the ill-fated boat which