

One person was yesterday confirmed dead when an overloaded passenger boat capsized in Lagos.

The accident occurred around 10am behind Dangote Company at Ebute in Ikorodu.

It was gathered that the boat named HMS carried 28 instead of 21 passengers and a crew member.

*The Nation* also gathered that the Victoria Island-bound boat was overspeeding and rammed into a wood.

It was learnt that the quick intervention of rescuers from the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS), Nigeria Inland Waterway Authority (NIWA) and the police minimised the casualty.

LASEMA said the boat, which took off from Ikorodu *en route* Victoria Island was overloaded.

According to the agency “instead of 21 passengers, the boat had 28 passengers on board and was said to be on high speed when it collided with woods on the waterways resulting to the mishap.”

Confirming the incident, LASWA's Managing Director Ms Bisola Kamson, in a statement, said: “The boat named HMS 2 with 30 passengers' capacity travelling with 28 passengers from the Origin Jetty to the Addax Jetty in Victoria Island, after travelling 400 meters from the Origin Jetty hit a log submerged in the waterways, which damaged the single hull of the boat causing the boat to sink”.

She said 27 passengers were rescued; one was confirmed dead at the scene of the accident.