

One killed, 16 rescued in Lagos boat accident

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ONE person was yesterday killed and 16 rescued after a passenger boat capsized in Lagos.

The boat bound for Ikorodu from the Island overturned around Adekunle Jetty in Yaba after hitting a rock.

According to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), 16 of the 17 passengers were rescued alive.

NEMA's southwest Coordinator, Ibrahim Farinloye said one of the passengers drowned and was recovered dead.

The National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) in a statement by Lagos Area Manager, Sarat Braimah, said the boat departed CMS Ferry Terminal at 4:35pm enroute Ikorodu Ferry Terminal.

Braimah said: "Fifteen minutes into the journey near Adekunle Waterfront, the boat hit an underwater obstacle which broke the hull of the boat and this resulted in its capsizing.