

Seven die as boat capsizes in Niger

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S EVEN people are alleged to have died in a boat accident in Zhigiri Village of Shiroro Local Government Area. They were said to be going for a naming ceremony.

The passengers were crossing the Zungeru Dam to Dnaweto when the incident occurred on Sunday evening at

about 4:00 p.m.

A source in the community said a family which included a man, his two wives and their son were involved in the boat accident.

The Nation learnt that the construction of the Zungeru Dam has led the villagers to

resort to travelling by water instead of land which was the usual mode of transportation.

The Director-General of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), Alhaji Ibrahim Ahmed Inga confirmed the incident but said the agency was yet to ascertain the number of casualties in the boat accident.

The spokesperson of the Coalition of Shiroro Associations, Salis Sabo said the construction of the dam has led to social upheaval as people can no longer travel by land as the terrain was majorly dry and motorable is now filled with water causing a lot of people to travel by water.