

Five dead, four rescued in Jigawa canoe accident

• Three girls drown in pond

POLICE in Jigawa yesterday confirmed the death of five persons in a canoe accident that occurred in Gwaram council of the state.

The command's spokesman Lawan Shiisu said the incident occurred on Friday at about 7pm when a locally-made canoe conveying nine passengers capsized in the area.

"The incident happened at Martaba village Gwaram LGA of Jigawa State, while the passengers were returning home after attending Juma'at prayer.

"Four of the passengers were rescued alive, while five bodies were recovered, Shiisu said.

Three girls drowned yesterday in a pond in the Kaugama council of the state have drowned.

The spokesperson of the state Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), CSC Adamu Shehu said two of the girls were 10 years old while the third was eight.