Passenger dies as boats collide at Badagry jetty

BOAT accident at a jetty in a Badagry community in Lagos State has led to the death of a 32-year-old man.

The mishap, according to sources, occurred at the jetty on Thursday night when two boats, one coming from Badagry and another coming from Lagos, collided.

A resident, Victor Idowu, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Friday in Badagry that the incident occurred at 10:05p.m, at a jetty in Akarakumo.

"The sound and voice of the boatmen woke up the residents of the community who came out to see what had happened.

"One of the passengers was crushed by the boat and fell inside the water, the residents and the boat man assisted to bring him out of the water.

"We brought him out of the lagoon and discovered that he

had been injured in the chest.

"While some suggested that he should be taken to private hospitals, I told them General Hospital should be the best," he said.

Idowu claimed that when they got to the hospital there was no doctor to attend the victim.

He said that the victim was given first aid treatment and was in pain until 4.10a.m when they took him away for X-ray.

"Coming back from the x-

ray, he gave up the ghost immediately," he said.

However, Medical Director of Badagry General Hospital, Dr. Olatunde Bakare, explained that the man was brought into the hospital in the middle of the night with serious chest injury.

"His two ribs had been broken. We wanted to refer him to another hospital in Lagos because we could not handle his case.