

26 die in boat mishap in Niger



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Twenty-six bodies have been recovered while 44 are still missing after a boat capsized in the Mokwa local government area of [Niger state](#).

The boat mishap was said to have occurred at about 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, between the Jabba and Kainji dams in the Gbajibo ward of Mokwa local government area.

The Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA) confirmed that over 100 persons were on board the boat, adding that the victims, who were from Gbajibo, Ekwa, and Yankyade communities, were on the way to their farms located on the other side of the River Niger (old Gbajibo).

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The Public Relations Officer of NSEMA, Ibrahim Husseini said that the agency is in collaboration with the Mokwa local government officials and the community local divers to conduct a search, rescue, and recovery operation at the scene of the incident.

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He said: "So far, 26 corpses have been recovered while over 30 have been rescued as the operation is ongoing. Over 100 persons are said to be on board the boat when the incident occurred."

The Mokwa local government chairman, Jibrin Muregi also confirmed the incident saying that rescue efforts are ongoing.

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