

JUST IN: One dies as speedboat capsizes in Bayelsa



One person has been confirmed dead after a speedboat carrying 15 passengers capsized in Bayelsa State.

The accident reportedly occurred on Saturday, August 24, in the Okubie Community River within the **Southern Ijaw Local Government Area**.

According to community sources, the boat was en route from Yenagoa to Oporoma, the headquarters of Southern Ijaw LGA, when the tragic incident occurred.

A source, who craved anonymity, said while other passengers onboard the speedboat were rescued by concerned citizens in the community, one person drowned due to the rising water level.

The mishap happened barely two weeks after a commercial boat exploded at the fling of the Atlantic Ocean in Ezetu 1 community in the same SILGA where 20 persons lost their lives.

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The cause of the Saturday's mishap has yet to be ascertained.

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The state chairman of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), Ipgansi Ogoniba, confirmed the incident.

He said it occurred on Saturday afternoon at the river near Okubie community.

He also said that 14 passengers were rescued while one died but did not give further information on the cause of the mishap.

A spokesman for the police in the state, ASP Musa Muhammed, said he had no information about the incident yet.

He, however, promised to make inquiries and revert.