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Five feared dead in Lagos boats collision

AT least five people are feared dead after two passenger boats capsized in Lagos on Monday night.

The boats caved in after a collision around 7pm, at Imore lagoon en route Badagry.

Police spokesman, Superintendent of Police Benjamin Hundeyin, who confirmed the incident, said 15 of the passengers were rescued.

He said the boats were unregistered, adding that a report about

• 15 passengers rescued

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the accident was lodged at the Ilashe Police Division.

He said those rescued had injuries and were rushed to the Naval Town Hospital in Ojo for medical attention.

Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr. Olufemi

Oke-Osanyintolu said both boats had 25 persons on board. He said the fibre boat had 15 passengers, including the captain, while the wooden boat had 10.

"Fortunately, all passengers on board 'Only God 13' were rescued safely. However, five passengers from the wooden boat sustained injuries and were hospitalised. Regrettably, a few individuals remain unaccounted for, and

search and rescue efforts are ongoing," Oke-Osanyintolu added.

The spokesman, Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA) Nkechi Ajayi, said: "While all 15 passengers on board the 'Only God 13' were rescued safely and are waiting at the jetty to collect their goods, five of the passengers on the wooden boat sustained various degrees of injuries and are receiving medical attention, while five others remained unaccounted for."

Soldiers injured in KAT attack in Ibadan