

# Seven feared dead in Takwa Bay boat mishap

A boat mishap, which happened at Cowries Bridge due to high wave, may have claimed the lives of seven of nine passengers. Two other passengers were rescued by the marine

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police, who are still searching for the capsized boat.

The accident happened on Sunday as the boat loaded at Mekuen beach en

route Takwa Bay was suddenly hit by a high tide capsized.

*NewAge* could not ascertain the cause of the sudden ocean surge, which hit the boat. It was learnt that the passengers were not wearing life vests.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Bode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident. According to him, "Our men from the marine police in Ikoyi have rescued two passengers." He gave the names of the survivors as Raphael and Dapa Bamisheye.

Ojajuni said, "the police were still looking for the boat. We have not seen even pieces of it. We have found some corpses which have been deposited at the public mortuary, while the survivors are being treated in an undisclosed hospital."

He advised those travelling by boat to always use life vests which must be provided for by the boat operators.

