

Boat mishap claims 6 lives in Bayelsa

SIX persons were feared dead in a night boat mishap in Bayelsa state, which occurred on Sunday.

Sources told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the incident occurred between 8.00 and 9.00 pm on the Anyama Ijaw/Ikibiri axis of the Nun River, in the southern Ijaw local government area of the state.

The speed boat conveying the victims, was said to have run into a troubled cargo boat in the middle of the river.

NAN further learnt that the victims were returning from a friend's traditional marriage at Port Harcourt.

A source said the groom was allegedly opposed to the night journey on river, but had to succumb when he could not persuade the

victims.

The driver of the speed boat, who was said to have been flung into the cargo boat, was said to have died on the spot, while the five others got drowned.

The victims include the driver, a woman, the groom's son and two others from Ombugbene community, while the sixth was said to be from Oporoma town, all in the southern Ijaw council area.

Five of the corpses have been recovered from the river and deposited at the Federal Medical Centre's mortuary, while the search for the body of the sixth victim continues.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Ibokette Iniobong confirmed the incident when contacted by NAN