

6 die, 12 missing as 2 canoes carrying 78 persons collide in Kebbi

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SIX people lost their lives while twelve others got missing as two canoes ferrying no fewer than 78 people collided at the middle of River Niger at Barikin Sakache in

Shanga Local Government Area of Kebbi State, at midnight on Tuesday.

The state governor, Abubakar Atiku Bagudu who visited the accident scene, issued a standing order to traditional rulers, local government chairmen, marine police and officials of inland

waterways operating in the riverine areas of the State to prohibit night travel by boats and canoes.

Bagudu said that security agents were empowered to strictly enforce the ban on night travels by boat or canoe operators, just as he extend his condolence to the

Emir of Yauri, Alhaji Zayyanu Muhammad Abdullahi, and the people of Yauri Emirate.

It will be recalled that a similar mishap occurred in another village of the same local government in 2017, involving traders who were returning from a vil-

lage market in Niger State at night, in which no fewer than eight people died.

This incident, according to a government source, might

have prompted the state government to prohibit night travels by boats and canoes in all the riverine areas of the state.

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