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Area in Sokoto State.

ABOUT twenty eight people died when the boat they were travelling in capsized in Gidan-Magana village of Shagari Local Government

The village head of Gidan-Magana, Mohammed Auwalu, disclosed this in an interview on Wednesday. According to him, the boat left the village with 34 peo-

ple in it. However, 28 people died when it capsized.

Explaining the incident, the traditional ruler said it happened on Wednesday morning when the boat was trying to cross over to a

nearby village, Badiyawa.

According to him, the boat hit a tree inside the water and capsized with all the passengers on board, adding that rescuers who quickly moved in were able to res-

cue six persons.

The traditional ruler said the deceased had been buried according to Islamic rites, while the six survivors had been conveyed to the General Hospital in Shagari,

where they are currently receiving treatment.

The state police command and the state government were yet to react to the development as of the time of filing this report.

Boat tragedy claims 28 in Sokoto