

2 Death toll in Jigawa canoe tragedy hits seven —Police

POLICE Command in Jigawa State has disclosed that the death toll in Sunday's canoe accident in Dabi community of Ringim Local Government Area has risen to seven.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the incident occurred when a canoe conveying 13 passengers on their way to a condolence visit, capsised after hitting an object.

The police, upon receipt of the report, launched a search and rescue mission at the scene with the assistance of local divers.

The mission, according to the police, led to the recovery of seven persons on the

spot who were rushed to General Hospital, Ringim for medical attention.

Two out of the seven recovered occupants, Bara'atu Garba, 30, and Mahmud Surajo, 3, were certified dead by a medical doctor on duty.

The remaining five persons were admitted at the hospital, while the other six victims remained missing.

The spokesperson of the command, DSP Lawan Shisu, in a statement in Dutse, on Monday, confirmed the recovery of five more bodies, which brought the number of persons that died in the incident to seven.