

50 Farmers Feared Dead In Taraba Boat Accident

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AS the country celebrated its 62nd independence anniversary on Saturday, bodies of 15 farmers died in a boat mishap were reportedly recovered in Gwamtamu village of Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The incident reportedly occurred when the farmers were trying to harvest their crops from a flooded farmland.

The farmers numbering over 50, were said to be in 12 canoes paddling round to harvest their maize when the canoes capsized as a result of heavy rainfall and strong wind.

“There were about 50 farmers inside the canoes and majority of them fell from the canoe inside the water. As of Saturday, only 15 bodies had been recovered while many were still missing,” a source further revealed.

As of the time of filing this report, a search team had been mobilised to the scene and are currently trying to recover more bodies.

When contacted, police image-maker, DSP Usman Abdullahi, said the state police command is yet to be briefed on the incident.

He, however, said as soon as the command receives detailed information about the incident, he will make it known.