

25 feared dead, 14 rescued as boat capsizes in Calabar

FIVE persons were feared dead on Saturday after a speed boat capsized in Calabar waterways in Cross River State.

The boat capsized on its way to Oron in Akwa Ibom State.

A senior naval officer attached to the Eastern Naval Command, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed the incident and said that the command played a major role in rescuing some of the victims.

"The Navy took part in the rescue mission; we rescued 14 of them.

"I can't give you the exact position of the boat because we only rushed for the rescue mission, but I'm sure the command will soon release a statement to this effect," he stated.

NAN gathered that 20 persons boarded the boat at Marina in Calabar.

It, however, capsized minutes after sailing from Calabar Marina yard.