

# Boat conveying over 80 passengers capsizes in Taraba

**A** boat conveying over 80 passengers capsized in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The boat is said to have capsized in Binneri community of Karim Lamido midway through the Benue River on Saturday evening.

A source in the area, Jessy Danladi, told *Channels Tele-*

*vision* that a few minutes after the incident, three bodies were recovered and thereafter, 12 others were recovered by fishermen in the area.

He disclosed that the boat was returning from a fish market at Mayoreneyo community in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area before the incident occurred 50 minutes after it left the

shore.

Being used to the waters, no passenger was with a lifejacket, the source added.

Police spokesperson in the state, Abdullahi Usman, confirmed the incident, but said the authentic figure was being awaited from the divisional police officer of the area.

Boat accidents occur regu-

larly in the country because of overloading, speeding, poor maintenance and disregard for navigation rules.

Some weeks ago, a boat conveying more than 40 passengers from Niger to Kebbi State also capsized.

Last month, 26 people died in a boat mishap in Niger State, while 15 others died in a similar accident in Adamawa State recently.