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Five missing, 11 rescued as two boats capsize in Lagos

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FIVE persons have been confirmed missing after two boats capsized on the lagoon at Imore area of Lagos State on Monday night.

Eleven other passengers who sustained injuries in the boat accident were rescued by policemen and local divers who were mobilised to the scene.

It was gathered that two boats, which were loaded with goods, collided on the water and capsized in the process.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident to the Nigerian Tribune.

He added that efforts are on to recover the bodies of the missing passengers.

Hundeyin said: "On Monday, at about 7:00p.m., a distress call was received at Ilashe division that two unregistered passenger boats, both having passengers onboard, collided in the middle of the lagoon at Imore town and in the process, the boats capsized and the passengers fell into the water

with the goods.

"Based on this report, teams of conventional/marine policemen, local divers and other emergency responders were swiftly mobilised to the scene, where 11 passengers were rescued with injuries and rushed to the Naval Hospital, Navy Town, Alakija for medical attention, while search-and-rescue operation is being intensified with a view to recovering the bodies of other victims," Hundeyin said, just as he added that investigation is ongoing into the incident.