

Police confirm five dead, 19 rescued, one still missing in Delta boat accident

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THE Delta State police command has confirmed that five persons died, 19 were rescued and one still missing following last weekend's boat accident along Bennett Island river in Warri South Local Government Area of the state.

This was disclosed in a statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bright Edafe, on Tues-

day.

Edafe said the injured persons are currently receiving treatment at different hospitals.

It will be recalled that the boat accident at Bennet Island in Gbaramatu Kingdom reportedly had a toddler as one of the deceased.

The speedboat was said to be ferrying passengers who were returning from a burial ceremony when it had head-

on collision with a submerged log, causing it to capsize.

The boat was also said to be on high speed when the accident occurred.

The collision, it was further gathered, flung many of the passengers overboard into the water, with many of them not wearing life jackets.

The lifeless body of the one-year-old child was discovered hours later when sighted floating along the creek.