

Boat mishap claims five in Lagos

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FIVE persons have been reported dead in a boat mishap that happened on the Lagos lagoon at about 2.20pm on Friday.

Although none of the bodies had been recovered as at press time, it was learnt that men of the marine police division in Apapa were still trying to locate the bodies.

The victims and two others, it was learnt, came on board the boat at Mekuen village and they were heading for Takwa Bay before the boat capsized under the cowrie bridge.

A survivor, who gave his name as Francis Amure, narrated to the police how he swam across the river to the shore and alerted the marine policemen.

It was learnt that the policemen, who immediately rushed to the accident spot in their speedboat, were able to rescue two other passengers.

The rescued persons' names were given as Dapo Bamiseye and Raphael (sur-

name unknown).

The other occupants of the boat who were feared dead were Akinyemi David, Ogunbanjo Toluwalope and two others whose names were simply given as Oluwasegun and Oghenekhome.

Our correspondent gathered that most of the victims were suspected to be students.

The man paddling the boat, whose name was given as Omorodion, was believed to be among the dead, as his body had not been recovered.

According to Amure who reported the accident, the boat,

ferrying eight persons, capsized when it could not stand the high waves.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Sunday, said the police were yet to confirm whether the victims were students or not.

He said efforts were still on to recover the bodies.

The policemen handling the case have also been mandated to brief the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo, regularly.

Suspected fake lawyer arraigned

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A 44-year-old man, Mr Adeniyi Falade, suspected to be a fake lawyer, was arraigned at an Osogbo Magistrate's Court on Friday.

He was charged to court for allegedly misrepresenting himself.

It was further alleged that

the suspect had been parading himself as a lawyer in the past 14 years.

The defence counsel, Mr. Kayode Oyedeki, who applied for bail on behalf of the suspect stressed that under the law, the suspect was entitled to bail.

Oyedeki added that the accused had been in police