

Five die in boat accident

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NO fewer than five persons died when a boat travelling from Cameroun to Oron in Akwa Ibom State capsized near the fishing port in Akpairon, Cross River State.

The driver of the boat was said to have survived while the owner of the boat and four others died in the accident which occurred on Friday.

A man, who identified

himself as Mr. Aniefiok, told our correspondent on Sunday in Oron that he lost his three children and his wife who were transferred to a yet-to-be identified hospital in the state.

Aniefiok, who was in pensive mood, identified the name of his three children as Elizabeth, Peace and Favour.

He said he got wind of the accident on Saturday and had since then waited to confirm the story.

The man said his family travelled together to Cameroun to buy sea foods that would be sold in Oron, but did not return on Friday as expected.

But the State Comptroller of Immigration, Mr. William Park, who confirmed the unfortunate incident told our correspondent that he could not comment on the matter because it did not happen within Akwa Ibom coastal areas.