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Two LASU students feared dead in boat mishap

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Two picnicking students of the Lagos State University were feared dead when the boat ferrying them across the waters hit a submerged object and capsized on Saturday at the Takwa Bay beach in Lagos.

The two were among the over 100 students from the Epe Campus of the University at the beach.

SUNDAY PUNCH gathered that the boat had successfully ferried the majority of the students across the ocean before it capsized about 4.30p.m.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Frank Mba confirmed the incident to our correspondent, adding that the command had commenced its investigations.

Mba said, "The boat was in good shape but capsized because it hit an object in the water."

An eyewitness who pleaded anonymity said that the victims who wore life jackets were among the last batch of students that the boat was ferrying when the accident occurred.

He said, "What happened was very sad because the boat was in top condition. It was going on its last trip when it hit a submerged object in the water.

"The impact made it lose control and it capsized. We called the management of the boat company and the marine police responded promptly. The students were rushed to a hospital but unfortunately, the two boys gave up the ghost."

When contacted on the phone, the Public Relations Officer of LASU, Mrs. Anthonia

Oyeniji, said she was not aware of the deaths.

”Oh, my God! I don’t know anything about it. It is unfortunate,” Oyeniji told our correspondent on the phone.

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