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Six pupils missing in Lagos after boat accident

SIX schoolchildren have gone missing in the Irewa, Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State when a canoe taking them to school capsized, after being hit by another boat.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the

incident occurred at about 9am on Wednesday.

Our correspondent gathered that the canoe, which was conveying 14 pupils and the driver without life jackets, was hit by a fibre boat.

Eight of the pupils, whose school had

yet to be ascertained, and the driver were said to have been rescued by officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Authority.

It was learnt that the pupils were rushed to the Igando General Hospital for treatment, and three of them had

been discharged.

Our correspondent learnt that six of the pupils had yet to be rescued, as LASEMA officials and the Local Emergency Committee officials of the Ojo Local Government Area continued to comb the waterways.

The General Manager, LASEMA, Femi Oke-Osanyintolu, who confirmed the incident, said LASEMA officials had yet to stop rescue operation.

He said, "We were able to rescue eight of the schoolchildren, while six are still missing. Rescue operations continue at the scene."

seeker bathes ex-lover with acid