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Police sergeant drowns in Lagos boat accident, 19 rescued

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Rescue officials at the scene of the accident

A police sergeant, Mary Adesoba, attached to the Zone 2 Police Command, Onikan, Lagos, lost her life on Tuesday after a boat capsized on the Third Mainland Bridge waterways.

Nineteen other passengers in the boat were, however, rescued by the Marine Police operatives who responded to the emergency.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the boat operator fled the scene of the accident while his conductor had been arrested.



The boat was en route to Ebute Ero from Ikorodu when the incident happened around 10am.

The Lagos State Acting Commissioner of Police, Edgar Imohimi, in a statement on Tuesday, said the boat was in custody of the Marine Police in Keffi, Obalende, while the corpse of the victim had been deposited in a morgue.

He said, “Marine Police of the Lagos State Police Command, in a joint effort with Rapid Response Squad, this morning (Tuesday) rescued 19 passengers from a capsized boat under the Third Mainland Bridge. The boat was conveying 21 passengers.

“An eyewitness called the OC Marine Police who immediately deployed seven boats in the scene. RRS helicopters got the coordinates and mobilised to the scene, leading to the quick rescue of 19 passengers and recovery of the corpse of a woman, whose husband was rescued in the incident.