

# Two children feared dead in another Rivers boat accident

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## **Chukwudi Akasike, Port Harcourt**

BARELY 10 days after a life was lost in a boat accident in Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State, two children have been feared dead after a passenger boat carrying 24 passengers capsized on Sunday.

There are indications that two children identified as Destiny Amamima and Ngowari Amamima (both females, but ages not ascertained) are feared dead, even as sources said 22 passengers had since been rescued.

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The boat was said to have moved from Marine Base in Port Harcourt on the day and was travelling to Okrika Local Government Area when the incident occurred at about 2 pm.

It was learnt that the two children, who might belong to one family, had been declared missing.

*The PUNCH* learnt that the helmsman of the ill-fated boat had since been arrested by marine police, ostensibly for interrogation to ascertain the circumstance that led to the second boat accident in about two weeks.

“It happened on Sunday in the evening. Out of the 24 persons on board, 22 persons were rescued; two children were missing and there is currently a search for them,” a source, who simply identified himself as Samson, said.