

Three die, two missing in Lagos boat accident

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The Lagos State Waterways Authority says three people have been confirmed dead while two others are still missing in a boat accident that occurred in Irewe community in the Ojo area of the state.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that the General Manager of LASWA, Mr Emmanuel Oluwadamilola, in a statement said 13 people were rescued in the incident.

He said, “At about 6.10pm. today, August 13, two passenger speed boats had a head-on collision along the creek in the Ojo Local Government Area.

“There were 10 passengers in a boat coming from Ojo jetty and eight passengers in another coming from Irewe community when the incident occurred.

“Eighteen passengers in total were involved with 13 rescued alive, while there were three fatalities. Two others are still missing – an adult and a child.

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“Search and rescue operation is ongoing by relevant state agencies and the local community who were the first responders.

“Preliminary investigations by LASWA revealed that the incident was caused by reckless driving and overspeeding on the part of boat captains as one of them wasn’t in his right of way.”

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