

# Bye-election: Police comb Bayelsa sea for six drowned cops

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The Bayelsa State Police Command has said six police officers on bye-election duty in the state are missing after a boat accident.

The Commissioner of Police, Mike Okoli, in an interview with journalists at the command headquarters in Yenagoa explained that one of the speedboats conveying the policemen deployed for the polls in the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa Central senatorial district capsized and the officers drowned.

Reports on the incident, which occurred on Saturday had earlier indicated that three policemen died.

But Okoli said that 11 policemen were on board the speedboat, but six of them were missing while five were rescued.

He said, “The command is still searching for the body of the missing six policemen. They were travelling from Yenagoa to Southern Ijaw for election duty before the boat capsized at Oporoma.”

Meanwhile, the Bayelsa State Governor, Douye Diri, has sent his condolences to the Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, over the loss of the deceased officers on bye-election duty in the state.

Diri said in a statement on Sunday by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr Daniel Alabrah, said, “Their sudden demise while on national duty is very painful. It is a very unfortunate incident, and we pray God to give the IGP and the families of the policemen the strength to bear the great loss.”

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