

One dies, 16 rescued as Lagos boat hits rock

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ONE person has been confirmed dead after a boat capsized on Monday around the Adekunle Waterfront area of Lagos State.

It was gathered that the 16 other passengers onboard the commercial boat were rescued after it capsized shortly after it left the CMS terminal.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the boat was heading for Ikorodu when it hit a rock around 5pm.

The Area Manager of the National Inland Waterways Authority, Sarah Braimah, who



•Scene of a Lagos boat accident

confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said the victim

died on the way to a hospital.

She said, "A 17-passenger boat

named TEMI 3 Global which departed CMS Ferry Terminal at 4.35pm en route to the Ikorodu Ferry Terminal on September 27, 2021, was involved in an accident.

"Fifteen minutes into the journey, near Adekunle Waterfront, the boat hit an underwater obstacle which broke the hull of the boat and this resulted in the capsize of the boat.

"There was immediate mobilisation to the site of the incident by the National Inland Waterways Authority Search and Rescue Team, LASWA,

Marine Police, fishermen and other boat operators leading to the rescue of 16 persons alive while one person died while on the way to a hospital."

The Acting Zonal Coordinator, South-West, National Emergency Management Agency, Ibrahim Farinloye, also confirmed the incident.

He said, "A passenger boat from the Lagos Island sailing to Ikorodu capsized around the Adekunle Jetty with 17 passengers; there was one casualty. The boat hit a rock while sailing close to the edge of the waterway."