

Five die in Jigawa boat accident

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A Capsized boat

Five persons have been confirmed dead following a boat mishap in Martaba village in Gwaram Local Government Area of Jigawa state.

The mishap was confirmed in a statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Lawan Adam, on Monday.

According to the statement, the incident happened on Friday when a locally made canoe conveying nine passengers was reported to have capsized.

He said, “The incident happened at Martaba village Gwaram LGA of Jigawa State, while the passengers were returning home after attending Friday (Jumaah) prayer.

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“On receipt of the report, a team of policemen were mobilised to the scene.

“Four of the passengers; one Barkeji ‘m’ age 60yrs, and three others, all of Martaba village, were rescued alive.

“With the aid of local divers, five corpses were recovered. They are; Lukateru ‘m’ age 60yrs, Musa ‘m’ age 50yrs, Sale ‘m’ age 50yrs, Alhaji Shuaibu ‘m’ age 60yrs, and Dogo ‘m’ age 50yrs all of Darazau Herdsmen settlement camp in Bauchi State.”