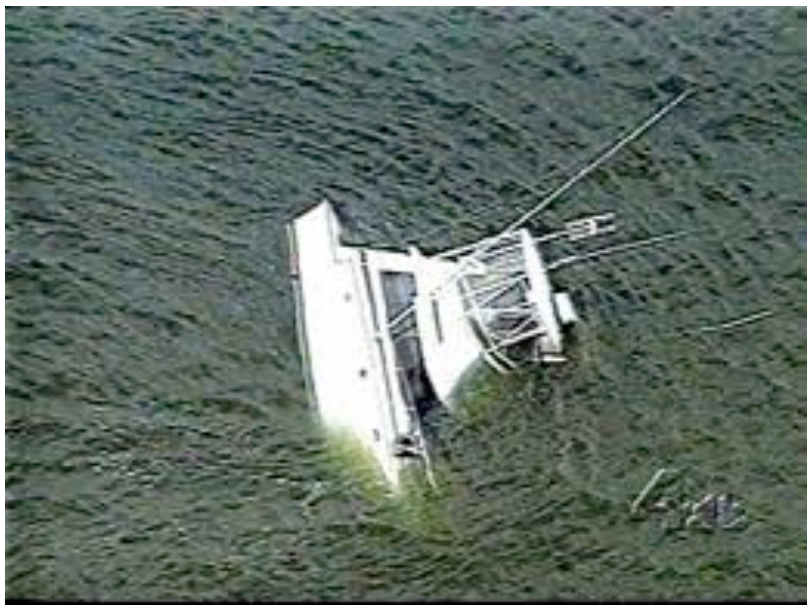


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Lagos Lagoon Boat Accident Drowns 10



Tragedy struck today in Otto-Awori Local Council Development Area, LCDA of Lagos State, Southwest Nigeria as 10 persons drowned in a boat mishap.

The accident occurred at Imude area of the council when a passenger boat conveying passengers from Idoluwo-Ile Village to Ikotun, all riverine community, overturned, drowning 10 people in the process. We gathered that the wave from a Julius Berger Speed Boat taking staff of the company to Under Bridge in Otto-Agbara led to the capsizing of the boat at Imude, about half way to its destination.

Mr. Wasiu Rasak, a Supervisory Councilor in Otto Awori LCDA said the passenger boat was conveying people who had gone for the Eid-el-Kabir celebration in Idoluwo-Ile Village to Ikotun when the tragedy occurred.

General Manager, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, Dr. Femi Oke-Osayintolu confirmed that 10 passengers were missing after the incident, saying that five of the dead bodies had been recovered in a rescue operation carried out by his agency and Merchant Navy. He lamented that the passengers were not putting on live jacket, which informed the reason they died.

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According to him, LASEMA had been warning people using such local boats to make use of life jackets for safety.

Oke-Osayintolu added that most of the victims were teenagers. (PM news)

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