

Boat mishap: One dies, 27 cheat death in Lagos

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A 30-seater commercial boat capsized at Ebutte, Ikorodu, Lagos State, yesterday, killing one while 27 passengers escaped death.

Daily Sun gathered that the accident occurred at about 9.55 a.m, shortly after the ill-fated boat, marked HMS 1, which had 28 passengers and a crew member on board took off from the jetty.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), while reacting to the mishap, blamed the driver of the boat for alleged over speeding and over loading.

The boat as at the time of the accident was heading towards Victorial Island with 28 passengers instead of 21 passengers when it collided with a log of woods on the water ways.

It was a hectic time for safety agencies in the state, including the police as they struggled to rescue victims.

LASEMA, General Manager, Mr Michael Akindele, advised boat operators to always comply with safety regulations on the water ways as well as avoid over speeding in order to avoid loss of lives.