

Niger boat mishap kills 2 brothers

A boat mishap that occurred at Kippo village of Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger state, has killed two brothers.

Malam Habibu Wushishi, the Director of Media and Strategy, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management in the state, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday in Minna. Wushishi, who said that the incident occurred at 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, added that the deceased were fishermen.

"The deceased fishermen were on board fishing on the river Niger when the boat capsized due to the heavy rainfall and windstorm. One of the bodies has been recovered while search and rescue operation is ongoing to recover the body of the other victim,"he said.

Wushishi also disclosed that bandits had simultaneously attacked Lanta, Tunga, Dnakau and Juweedna villages in Erena, Shiroro local government area of the state. He said the incident occurred at about 5:30pm, on June 20.

The commissioner explained that the bandits rustled many cows, sheep and destroyed many houses, rendering over 600 persons homeless. He said that the displaced persons from the affected villages were currently taking refuge at Erena and Kuta Internally Displaced Persons camps.