

22 die as canoe capsizes in Sokoto



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About 22 people reportedly lost their lives yesterday when the canoe conveying them capsized in River Kabulu, Gandi District in Rabah Local Government Area of Sokoto State. One of the survivors, Malam Musa Gandi, said the accident occurred in the earlier hours of the day when the passengers were travelling from Gandi to Gidan Kare village.

Gandi said the canoe was carrying more than 30 passengers when it capsized. He added that most of the passengers in the canoe were those recently attacked by bandits who were trying to cross the river to their village, Gidan Kare, as well as some farmers. Gandi said so far 10 people were rescued. He also called on the Rabah Local Government to as a matter of urgency assist the villagers in river banks to ease their suffering. A similar incident occurred recently when 30 passengers died when a canoe transporting them to Isa town from Bafarawa settlement capsized.