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## 33 Die As Boat Capsizes In Niger

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Not less than 33 persons, including women and children, have reportedly drowned after a boat carrying over 50 passengers capsized on River Kaduna in Niger State.

The boat reportedly capsized between Danchitagi village in Lavun Local Government and Gbara, Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State on Friday night. The incident was confirmed Saturday.

Sources said that some of the passengers were traders returning from a weekly Danchitagi market while others were returning home after attending a wedding ceremony in the neighbouring communities.

Goods worth millions of naira were also reportedly lost in the process.

Villagers revealed that 17 out of over 50 persons in the boat had been rescued so far as rescue operations continued.

"For now, out of over 50 passengers in that boat, only 17 people have been rescued alive. We believe the rest are no more alive because they have been in the water for several hours. The water level is also high now because of rainfall. We are still doing our best to look for the remaining people. But the chance of their survival is not assured," one of the local divers said.

The Director General, Niger State Emergency Management Agency, Ahmed Ibrahim Inga, confirmed the incident but said he could not give details of casualties.

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