

13 die, one injured in Nasarawa boat mishap, Delta shooting

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No fewer than 13 persons died and one injured when a boat capsized in Lafia, Nasarawa State and gunmen opened fire on a police Station in Otoro-Agbon in Isiokolo, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State.

The 12 persons were feared dead yesterday in a boat accident on river Kogi Kunfra Kamfani in Arikiya, Lafia Local Government Area, Nasarawa State.

The incident occurred when a boat conveying 19 farmers suddenly capsized leaving 12

of the passengers dead, while seven were rescued.

Speaker of the Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Ibrahim Balarabe Abdul-lahi, who announced the sad news during an emergency sitting of the House, yesterday in Lafia also condoled with the government and families of the bereaved over the sad accident.

He said: "it is very, very sad that we lost 12 people, men and women, in a boat accident in Arikiya, Lafia Local government Area of the State.

"19 people were on board, 12 died and seven rescued. Lafia LGA and our dear state have been thrown into

mourning over this sad incident.

"May the Almighty grant the family, Lafia Local Government Area and the state government the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

The speaker added that, "on behalf of myself, Hon members and the staff, I wish to condole with the bereaved families, Lafia LGA and the state government over their death in the boat accident. We pray for the repose of their souls. May God forgive their shortcomings and grant them eternal rest."

In Delta State, a policeman was killed and his colleague injured when two gunmen

on a motorcycle opened fire on the Police Divisional Headquarters at Otoro-Agbon in Isiokolo, Ethiope East Local Government Area.

The two-man gang were said to have operated on a motorcycle.

The suspects rode to the police station and suddenly opened fire on their victims who were said to be at the sentry of the Divisional Headquarters.

One of the victims was said to have died while rushing them to the hospital but the other victim was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of an undisclosed hospital, where he is said to be responding to treatment.