

3 die, 11 rescued as boat capsizes in Lagos

The Lagos State Waterways Authority said a boat accident in Ikorodu, Lagos State on Monday resulted in the death of three passengers.

Eleven others involved in the accident were rescued, according to the agency.

Head, Public Affairs Unit, Lagos State Waterways Authority, Wuraola Alake, made the disclosure yesterday in Lagos.

"At about 7.17 p.m. on February 26, LASWA got a dis-

5 tress call that a 17-seater boat named Oluwaseyifunmi, loaded with 14 passengers, was involved in an accident.

"The accident occurred along the Ibeshe/Ikorodu channel en route Ebute Ipakodo Ikorodu taken off from Addax jetty, Lagos. It was gathered that the capsized boat and another passenger boat (yet to be identified) were engaging in speed contest causing strong waves that capsized one of the boats while the other boat ran to Ibeshe jetty to call for help.