

Boat Mishap Claims 6 Passengers

At least six passengers who were on their way to a burial ceremony in Sagbama, headquarters of Sagbama local government area of Bayelsa state on Friday when their boat capsized on the River Forcados on

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Friday night.

The wooden ferry boat was said to be traveling from Sagbama town to Agoloma town which is just across the river in Patani local government,

Delta State, when the boat capsized mid river.

The boat which was said to be on its last shuttle was over filled with passengers when at mid river it started taking waters before capsizing.

THISDAY gathered that the boat driver and his assistant abandoned the boat and swam to safety as they left their passengers to their fate.

As at press time, only six bodies have been recovered and more are expected even as the number of passengers on the boat was unknown.

THISDAY gathered that local divers from the community are still busy combing the river for more bodies as they bank on the fact that the river is now dry after the raining season.

It was reliably gathered that five of the dead passengers are natives of Asaba, the capital of Delta state and in-laws to the deceased, Chief John Asawari who was being buried at Agoloma, his country home.

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Bayelsa Police Command, Eguavoen Emokpae, said he was not yet to be briefed on the boat mishap.

