

Two drown as boat capsizes in Benue

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MAKURDI—TWO persons were feared drowned last Saturday when a boat ferrying passengers across River Katsina-ala, Benue State, at the Kur Baka-Itiyuren crossing point capsized with about eight passengers on board.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the boat capsized when it was struck by a windstorm in the middle of the river which was flowing with high waves.

Sources further informed that six people survived the accident while two of the passengers identified as Emmanuel Adule, a teacher with Bristow Secondary School, Gboko and Samson Adwem, a primary school teacher with LGEA Shagba were declared missing.

When contacted, the state Police Commissioner, Ibezimako Aghanya, told *Vanguard* that his office had not got formal report of the incident but promised to "get back to you as soon as I am able to confirm."