

5 die in Benue boat mishap

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MAKURDI—NO fewer than five persons were confirmed dead, while 15 others sustained injuries in a boat mishap on River Benue yesterday.

Eye-witnesses told *Vanguard* that the ill-fated boat which had over 20 passengers, mostly market women from the popular Wadata Market, were on their way to buy maize at a nearby village across River Benue.

It was said that the boat capsized on the way to the

market, leaving five persons dead while 15 others were rescued and taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi, for treatment.

Confirming the accident, the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, Assistant Superintendent Alaribe Ejike, told *Vanguard* that three corpses had so far been recovered and deposited at the Federal Medical Centre morgue.

He added that a search party was still looking for the corpses of the remaining two.