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6 girls die in Kebbi canoe mishap

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A canoe ferrying nine young girls across Tindifai River in Suru Local Government Area of Kebbi State, Monday, reportedly capsized killing six of the girls onboard.

Chairman of the local government, Umaru Maigandi, who confirmed the incident yesterday, said the canoe left Tindifai village conveying nine girls to a Fadama area, where they were going to harvest rice but that it capsized along the way.

According to him, "the village is close to Bendu in Tundifai. They were going to harvest rice in the Fadama area when the incident occurred and resulted in the death of six females.

"The deceased were between the ages of 12 years and 15 years. The three other victims were rescued alive by the driver of the canoe, Umar Faruk, a 13-year-old boy.

"The deceased had been buried according to the Islamic rites and we have condoled with the families as well as sympathised with those that survived the mishap."

He blamed the incident on overloading, as it had five-passenger capacity, adding that the council would sensitise the communities to the dangers of overloading, particularly those in the riverine communities of the state.