



## Family of 4, 3 others perish in Niger boat mishap

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**M**INNA—A middle aged man, his two wives and eldest son as well as three other passengers yesterday perished in a boat mishap in Zhigin village of Shiroro Local Government Area, LGA, of Niger State.

Vanguard gathered that the man identified as Mallam Mu'azu Babangida, his two wives and his eldest son among others were travelling to Dnaweto for a naming ceremony.

However the identities of the other three passengers were unknown at press time.

Spokesman for Coalition of Shiroro Association, Salis Mohamed Sabo, who confirmed the incident to Vanguard's Correspondent, said; "Prior to the construction of Zungeru Dam, traveling between these two villages was by land because there was no water. Therefore, before now, one did not need water transportation, as the terrain was majorly dry and motorable. This is one of the social upheavals occasioned by the construction of the Zungeru dam."

At press time, the corpses of six of the seven deceased have been recovered while local divers in the area were still searching for the remaining corpse.

Mohammed Sabo called on the Hydro Power Producing Areas Development Commission, HYPPADEC to urgently come to the assistance of the affected family and also provide safety measures including life jackets among others to help the local people from experiencing similar disaster in future.