

26 die in Niger boat mishap, several others missing • Over 100 persons on board

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MINNA—Tragedy has struck in Niger State as 24 people have been confirmed dead in a boat mishap.

The sad incident occurred in Jabba and Kainji Dam in Gbajibo, Mokwa Local Government Area of the state about 8a.m., yesterday. The cause of the accident is yet to be established at press time. Also, the exact number of those on board could not be immediately ascertained.

Chairman of Mokwa council, Jibrin Muregi, who confirmed the incident to newsmen, said 21 corpses had already been recovered while divers in the area were working to rescue or recover others.

He said: "It is true that a boat mishap occurred in my local government and no fewer than 24 people have been confirmed dead while several corpses have so far been recovered."

"Divers within the communities affected have mobilised to the spot for rescue operation."

Acting Director-General of Niger State Emergency Management Agency, NSEMA, Garba Salihu, also confirmed that members of his agency have mobilised to

the spot for rescue operation.

"Presently, my agency in collaboration with Mokwa local authority and the community divers are conducting a search, rescue and recovery operation at the scene of the incident.

"So far, 26 corpses have been recovered while over 30 people have been rescued.

"Over 100 persons are said to be on board the boat when the incident occurred and

the victims were said to be from Gbajibo, Ekwa and Yankyade communities and were on their way to their farms at the other side of the River Niger, which is old Gbajibo."



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