

# 2 dead, 15 rescued in Ikoyi boat mishap

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**L**AGOS—Two persons have been confirmed dead while 15 others rescued unhurt in a mishap involving a passenger boat, Wednesday.

It was learned that the boat was conveying 17 passengers from Sandfil heading to Ikorodu when it capsized at powerline, Ikoyi link bridge.

According to the report, the driver of the passenger ferry, Tee Ben, departed from Addax jetty and colluded with a high-tension pole flooded by water.

Vanguard gathered that among the two adults who lost their lives were a male and a female. While the body of an adult female was retrieved from the water, the search for the body of the adult male was ongoing.

Confirming the incident, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency LASEMA, said: "The agency responded to distress calls and upon arrival at the incident scene, discovered that a boat conveying 17 passengers from Sandfil heading to Ikorodu had capsized at the aforementioned location."

She said investigation gathered from the Lagos State Waterways Authority, LASWA, officials revealed that the driver of the boat rammed into a high-tension pole flooded by water which led to the incident.

She said: "Unfortunately, two adults lost their lives (a male and a female) and the other (15) passengers were unharmed.