

"In my house alone, they abducted

and today we've come to you

He said the DPO in the area had

information.

# 2 passengers die, 18 rescued in Jigawa boat mishap

By Bashir Bello

**N**O fewer than two passengers have been confirmed dead in a boat mishap while travelling on the Kwalgwai river toward Hadin

village, Auyo Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

Confirming the incident, spokesperson, Jigawa Police Command, Lawan Shiisu, said 18 others were rescued from the boat mishap.

Shiisu said the incident happened when the victims and marketers

boarded the canoe and on their way, it capsized due to powerful waves and overloading.

According to him, "About 2200hrs on Sunday, the command received an incident report by the Divisional Police Officer of Auyo Division, that a group of marketers from Kwalgwai

village in Auyo Local Government Area numbered 20, both males and females boarded a canoe. The canoe was said to have capsized while travelling across the Kwalgwai River toward Hadin village within the same local government area.

"In an attempt to save the victims, divers, fishermen and others were swiftly notified as a team of policemen led by the DPO raced to the scene.

"The team was able to rescue 18 passengers, while two female passengers were missing.

"Subsequently, on Monday, about 0600hrs, among the two females missing, one Habiba Ado, 18yrs, of Kwalgai was recovered. She was quickly conveyed to the Auyo hospital but she was confirmed dead by a medical doctor on duty.

"Later, the last woman was discovered and found dead. In other words, the death rate has increased to two."

## Kidnapped A'Ibom NYSC members: Family of remaining one in captivity seeks help

By Egufe Yafugborhi & Chioma Onuegbu

**U**YO— THE family of Bassey Daniel, one of the prospective National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, members from Akwa Ibom State, kidnapped in Zamfara State has called on relevant stakeholders, including the state government to help rescue him.

However, on June 12, 2024, the Zamfara State kidnappers decided to free their female victim, leaving Daniel behind.

Daniel's family member, Mr Umoh, who spoke to *Vanguard*, yesterday, lamented: "Our hope was dashed when our son was not released along with the female victim last two weeks. We were told that two of them will be freed the same time, only the female was allowed to go.

worried about him, but all the same we are hopeful. This is all I can say for now."

A woman and close friend to Bassey Daniel's mother, who spoke to *Vanguard* in confidence, said: "That woman is very worried about her son. She calls me on phone almost every day asking if I have heard any news about her son. I pray that young man returns home very soon."