

# One dead, goods destroyed in Ebonyi boat mishap

ONE person has been confirmed dead in a boat mishap that occurred in a river along Itigidi axis, Cross River State.

Also, goods worth millions of naira were destroyed in the disaster.

Leader of Ebonyi State House of Assembly, Kingsley Ikoro, who confirmed the incident, said a boat capsized following the turbulence that occurred along the Itigidi axis of a river which caused the disaster.

Ikoro noted that there were over 20 women including the boat driver in transit when the incident occurred.

He explained that the women who are all from Ozziza community, Afikpo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, travelled to Cross River State to buy foodstuffs.

Ikoro said the incident happened while the boat was berthing at Ozziza Beach, Afikpo LGA on their arrival and expressed sadness over the disaster.

"I received early this morning the heart-breaking news of the water accident involving some women from Afikpo LGA. The women were on a business trip from Cross River State when the accident occurred at Itigidi in Cross River State. It involved the death of a woman from Ozziza and the loss of their goods worth several millions of naira.

"This happening at this period in our country is indeed very painful. I deeply feel this pain as well, knowing that the death of a man as it is usually said diminishes us, more so when we are directly involved", he stated.

The lawmakers promised to get close to the victims to ascertain how assistance could be rendered to them.

Ikoro said: "It is my honest prayer that the families involved entrust themselves entirely to God, our father. It was in the course of honest labour and suffering for the people close to their hearts that the incident occurred, showing the best proof of their love to their respective families.