One drowns in Lake Albert, nine rescued

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One person is missing and nine others have been rescued after a canoe they were sailing in capsized a few metres to Kitebere landing site.

Gilbert Mugisa, one of the survivors, told *New Vision* that they were hit by strong waves and the coxswain could not control the canoe which was loaded with 10 people and merchandise.

He said he tried to call for help from Kitebere landing site when the winds became stronger and by the time the canoe capsized a rescue team was on the way.

Mugisa said they had clung onto mattresses until the rescue team arrived and that is how they survived.

Mugisa said he lost most of his merchandise, worth millions.

Livingstone Akugizibwe, the Ndaiga sub-county chairperson, told *New Vision* that they rushed to the accident scene immediately and were able to rescue nine people.

Akugizibwe identified some of the survivors as Gabriel Oga, 29; Desire Pyemu, 31; Sulaiman Balisima, 20; the coxswain, Erias 21; Mugisa, 35 and Siraje Musa Kabanda, among others.

The identities of the missing man are yet to be established because he was a stranger travelling from Bundibugyo to Nyamasoga fishing village.



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