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At least 22 dead after two boats collide on the Congo River



Explainer image: river vessels on the Congo River. Julien Harneis from Conakry, Guinea, CC BY-SA 2.0 via Wikimedia Commons. Context, not a photo of the event.

At least 22 people died when a commercial boat running between Kinshasa and Mbandaka collided with a passenger riverboat travelling from Mongala province to Kinshasa, Equateur's provincial interior minister Crispin Mputu told Reuters.

The collision happened around 2 a.m. local time on Saturday near the town of Ngombe in Lukolela territory, western Equateur province, and sank the passenger boat. A security source told Reuters it had 163 passengers on board.

DEPTH five layers, from what happened to the full picture

L1 WHAT HAPPENED

At least 22 people died when a commercial boat collided with a passenger riverboat on the Congo River in Equateur province and sank it.

L2 WHO'S AFFECTED

Passengers: a security source told Reuters the passenger boat, travelling from Mongala province to Kinshasa, had 163 people on board.

L3 WHY IT'S QUIET

We don't have media-coverage data for this story yet, so we won't guess why it was quiet. It is here because the outlets below reported it and it drew little wider attention.

L4 DEEPER IMPACT

The collision happened around 2 a.m. local time near the town of Ngombe in Lukolela territory. The commercial boat was running between Kinshasa and Mbandaka.

L5 FULL CONTEXT

The death toll was given to Reuters by Equateur's provincial interior minister, Crispin Mputu. Our sources do not yet report a final count.

SOURCES Reuters: At least 22 dead after two boats collide on Congo river, official says

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