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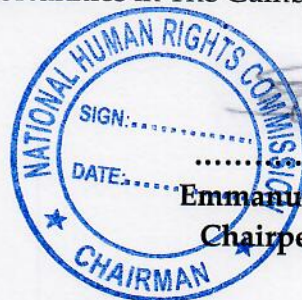
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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), has learned with deep sorrow, anguish and sadness about the death of over fifty Gambian youths on the Mauritanian Coast. According to media reports, a vessel carrying 195 migrants departed The Gambia and capsized off the coast of Nouadhibou in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

The NHRC is concerned with this huge tragic incident and convey its condolences to the families and loved ones of the departed souls. The NHRC commends the government for their collaboration with the Mauritanian authorities, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), United Nation High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), Red Cross and other actors to identify the casualties, rescue some and continue to search for the others.

The NHRC hereby calls upon the government to urgently address the causes of these hazardous journeys and to put in places policies and concrete security measures that will increase opportunities in The Gambia and tackle dangerous journeys to Europe.




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