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Four Missing Fishermen's Bodies Found Off Gwadar Coast

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The bodies of four missing fishermen were recovered off Gwadar's coast on July 27, 2025, after their boat capsized in the Arabian Sea, raising the death toll to five. The tragedy, which left one survivor, highlights the perilous conditions faced by Pakistan's fishing communities and the government's failure to ensure maritime safety. This article explores the incident, its impact, and the urgent need for better protections for fishermen.

The fishing boat, carrying six men from Karachi's Ibrahim Hyderi, Ali Akbar Shah Goth, and Machar Colony, sank due to fierce winds and high waves, per The Express Tribune. Among the deceased were Ayub and his son Zeeshan, whose bodies were recovered alongside three others from Machar Colony. Ayub's funeral was held on July 26, attended by grieving community members, while Zeeshan's body reached Karachi by Sunday night,

per Dawn News. One fisherman survived, defying the odds. Kamal Shah, media coordinator for the Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF), confirmed the grim toll: “Five have died, one survived.” He urged authorities to bolster rescue efforts, noting the slow response frustrated families, as reported by Minute Mirror.

This tragedy exposes the vulnerabilities of Pakistan’s coastal workforce. The PFF’s chairman, Mehran Ali Shah, told The Express Tribune, “Fishermen are the backbone of our coastal economy, risking their lives daily.” Contributing over Rs24 billion in taxes annually, fishermen deserve better safety measures. Yet, outdated boats, poor navigational tools, and inadequate rescue systems persist, as noted by Fisheries Department official Abdul Shakoor Ronjho to KSL.com. The Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) and Pakistan Navy (PN) conducted search operations, but delays fueled public anger.

The government’s neglect of maritime safety is indefensible. While the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) touts Gwadar’s strategic importance, its fishermen face preventable tragedies. Reactive measures like belated rescues won’t suffice. Pakistan needs modernized fleets, real-time weather alerts, and robust training programs. Without action, these losses will repeat, leaving families shattered and communities in despair. The nation must honor its fishermen with policies that prioritize their safety, not just their economic contributions.