

# Mum, 2 sons perish in boat mishap

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**A**BAH village in Nsugbe, Anambra East local council, Anambra State, was on Sunday thrown into mourning, following the tragic death of a woman and her two sons in a boat mishap.

A family member who spoke to newsmen said the incident occurred when a small canoe in which a farmer, Mr. Gabriel Igbeke, his wife, Late Mrs. Ifeoma Igbeke and their two sons, Amaechi and Onyeka were travelling with capsized in Emio River, one of the tributaries of River Niger.

He said although Mr. Gabriel Igbeke was lucky to swim to safety, his wife and two sons got drowned.

He said a fisherman who was around at the time of the incident had rushed to the scene and attempted to rescue

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the victims, saying he did all he could to salvage the situation but to no avail. His canoe was said to have also capsized in the process.

When the news of the tragedy spread to the village, farmers and fishermen living near the Emio River had

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rushed to the scene of the incident but it was too late as Mrs Igbeke and her two sons had drowned.

However, the rescuers' efforts led to the discovery of their bodies from the river and subsequent removal from the

river bank to their residence.

When newsmen visited the family's house at Abah village, the corpses of the victims were laid on the bare floor of their house, while people came to sympathize with the bereaved family.

All efforts to speak with the head of the family failed as he was still under shock.

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