

Tragedy struck in Niger State Monday as a 28-year-old foreign tourist, Mr. Hayten Dahr, drowned in the Gurara waterfalls while on a picnic.

The Lebanese, *Daily Trust* gathered, was at the waterfalls Sunday in company of two other foreign nationals and two Nige-

Lebanese tourist dies in Gurara waterfalls

From Aideloje Ojo, Minna

rian ladies when he slipped while attempting to cross the river from one side to another.

The other four persons, it was gathered, searched for Dahr from

5pm when the incident happened, until night but as darkness set in, they had to abandon the search and alert men of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and villagers in the area. The men of the NCDC and

local vigilantes organised a search team which later discovered the remains of the foreign national at the river bank.

The commandant of the Civil Defence Corps in Niger State, Mr Augustine Obiekwe, con-

firmed the incident to journalists in Minna Tuesday. He said his men embarked on the search mission following reports that the foreign tourist was missing, having fallen into the river.

He disclosed that the remains of

the deceased Hayten Dahr, who was until his death the manager of Saley Company in Abuja, had been deposited at the mortuary of the Suleja General Hospital. He stated the need for the Niger State Tourism Board to make provision for safety devices and rescue operators to avert future tragic occurrences.