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Three children were reported dead Saturday after falling into a ditch at Damboa village in Dange Shuni Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

Ibrahim Umar, a JSS 2 student of the Army Day Secondary School Sokoto, Naziru Muhammad, a primary five pupil of Damboa Model Primary School and Muhammad Murtala, a pupil of Attahiru Bafarawa Model Primary School were said to have drowned while trying to swim inside the ditch.

A witness, Alhaji Abubakar Damboa, said another child ran home to report the incident but before the parents arrived the scene, the children were all dead.

According to him, they reported the incident to the Divisional Police Officer in the area.

A ward councillor in the area, Alhaji Umar Muhamaad Abdullahi, decried the digging of sand in the area which he noted caused the incident. He said this was the first time such a thing happened in the area.

Abdullahi called on authorities concerned to stop tipper drivers from digging sand in the area. The councillor stressed the need to evacuate the water from the ditch to avoid a re-occurrence. He said he had already informed the Fire Service and pleaded with them to evacuate it.

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