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## Student drowns in pond at Lugbe

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The corpse of a 16-year-old student was yesterday morning discovered floating on a pond, constructed by Julius Berger along Airport road, Lugbe, Abuja.

According to a friend to the victim's family, Sir Kyari Mele, the student Jubril Abba Jato went to school on Tuesday morning and never returned home.

"We complained to the police and decided to check if he went near the pond and discovered his school bag near it," Mele said.

He said the family made efforts to contact Julius Berger but they refused to assist them.

Father of the dead student, Malam Abba Jato, said when he waited for his son until night of that day, he reported the incident at Lugbe Police Station.

He said a worker of Julius Berger informed the school authority early Wednesday morning that some kids were seen playing inside a pond and a school bag seen near the place, adding that he rushed to the scene with family member and discovered it was his son's school bag.

"Julius Berger created the pond and didn't make any provision to prevent children from playing near such a dangerous place," he lamented and vowed to sue the company for its insensitive.

He said the company's safety officer refused to assist his family but rather watched them drain water from the place to retrieve the boy's body.

When our reporter spoke to Julius Berger safety officer, he said the company did not create the pond and that he was at the place to see what happened as a Nigerian.

At the Lugbe Police Station, Inspector Usman said that the case has been reported to the police.

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