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Gurdi village head drowns in river

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The traditional head of Gurdi village, Abaji in the FCT, Malam Musa Isa Ndanusa, slipped into Gurara River Saturday morning and never surfaced.

Councillor representing Gurdi ward in the council, Tanko Abdullahi Alfa, who confirmed the incident, said the late chief left his house at about 8 am on the fateful day to inspect his rice farm given out to labourers to weed close to the river bank, when he slipped into the river.

According to him, members of the late village head's family became worried when he did not return over night and mobilised themselves into the farm, where they discovered his slippers near the river bank.

He blamed the slippery nature of the farm road to the heavy rain that fell last Friday, adding that the chief's corpse was yet to be seen.

"Since the incident, the community has mobilised fishermen from Adagba, Yaba and other communities to search for the late village head but no result," he said.

The councillor said members of the community suspect that the corpse might have flown down the River Gurara to Muye in Niger State and said fishermen in various communities have been alerted.

When contacted, Opa of Abaji, Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa, said he learnt of the village head's disappearance Sunday through the Chief of Yaba, Allhaji Ndastu Etsu.

He said efforts will be made to contact Abaji council chairman so that the FCT minister is informed.

Reacting, Abaji Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Adepegba K. Adetoye, said the police were not aware of the incident, adding that if the division was aware, a signal would have been sent on the incident.

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