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How 4 kids died in a Kaduna river

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The death of four children of the same parents, while trying to cross Romi River in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, has raised serious concern among parents in the state and beyond.

The four children aged between six and 17 planned that fateful morning to celebrate their younger sister's birthday after returning from the farm. According to their

uncle, Patrick James Doka, the children had told them that the celebration of the birthday will commence after they have finished their school home work on returning from the farm.

However, Gimba, Bossan, Zichat, and Ibro, all children of Mr. Doka Abet Daji were never to live to celebrate their sister's birthday.

The boys, according a family member, Rita Gabriel, drawned while trying to cross Romi River in Chikun Local Government Area of the state, on their way to the farm. The incident happened on the morning of Saturday, September 29.

Commissioner of Police in Kaduna State, Olufemi Adenaike in a text message told Weekly Trust said, "It has been confirmed that a family lost four of their kids at about 10:30 hrs on Saturday in a river in Ungwar Romi on their way to farm. Efforts are being made to recover the bodies on the remaining two."

For Doka, the disappearance and eventual death of the children, three of which are his biological sons, is a mystery. "Am still in a shock; we were in a family meeting in my father's house when they left for the farm.

"After two days of the search, we found the younger one among them without any sign to show that he was all the while inside water. Two days later, the eldest was found on top of the water with his

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