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## 2 students drown in river Uke along Masaka-Keffi road

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Two secondary school students at Uke village in Karu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State were said to have drown in River Uke along Masaka-Keffi road.

The incident was said to have happened on Monday afternoon when they students left their school to the river a few meters away.

The traditional head of the community, Sarki Gade Uke, Alhaji Bako, confirmed the incident when our reporter visited the community.

"The two students went to the river and when one was drowning, the other in an attempt to rescue him was also drown but the first one was later rescued," he said.

Alhaji Bako said the river has filled to capacity, adding that the people of the area have been warned to stay away from the river from 7pm because of the dangerous nature of the river.

He, however, denied allegations in some quarters that the indigenes of the place (Gade) killed visitors in the river, stressing that "it is the work of God."

Our reporter learnt that one of the students was rescued alive while the other was still being searched for as at the time of filing this report yesterday.

An elderly man, who craved anonymity, said that he had also lost his 24-year-old son to the river in mysterious circumstance and described the river as "a dreaded and devilish".

"The two students were drown in the afternoon. What surprises me is that rain did not fall here. The river just started swelling up with water in the morning. Many people, who have known the river, were very afraid and in the afternoon, we heard that two students have been drown in it," he said.

Police authorities in the area on Tuesday afternoon said they were yet to receive official report on the incident.

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