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Fisherman drowns in Abaji River

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Tragedy struck on Friday evening after a 23-year-old fisher man, simply identified as Mohammed drowned in a river at Unguwar Ashara in Abaji town.

The incident, as said by a witness, occurred at about 4:34p.m. after the deceased who was at the river to fish, slipped while at the bank and fell into the river.

He was said to have parked the motorcycle he rode to the river at the riverbank, pulled his cloth

and suddenly fell into the river afterwards without the knowledge of anybody.

"People do see him sometimes at the river, he comes to fish," he said.

Our reporter gathered that the family of the deceased became apprehensive when he did not show up at home after the end of the day's job; they were searching for him only to discover his body at the riverbank.

A source close to the family said his motorcycle was at the same spot it was parked when the body discovered.

His body was evacuated and buried according to Islamic rites.

When contacted, the Abaji Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Mr. Ogungbemi Igbekele, said he was not aware of the incident, saying he would trace the house of the deceased to look into the case.

In another incident, four people were injured in a motor accident that occurred on Friday morning near Yangoji village, on the Abuja-Lokoja expressway.

A witness said the

accident happened at about 3:23 p.m. when a Volkswagen Golf car with registration number CH 736 RBC said to be on high speed, veered off the road and crashed into a ditch.

He added that officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) at Kwali took the injured victims to the hospital.

When contacted, the Yangoji unit commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander Jeremiah M. Fada, confirmed the incident, saying the four injured victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital.