

■ A market woman on her way to Nyanya market at the weekend.

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13-year-old student drowns in Kubwa river

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A 13-year-old boy has reportedly died while swimming in a river behind a petrol station along the Abuja-Kubwa expressway.

City News gathered that the deceased, Kayode Busari, a student of Junior Secondary School, Kubwa, had gone to swim at the river with five of his friends where he met his death.

The source said he was one of the candidates sitting for the ongoing junior West African Examination Council

(WAEC) exams and had just finished writing a paper when he left for the stream with his classmates.

"It was a farmer working in his farm close to the stream that saw the boy drowning and tried to rescue him but did not succeed," the source added.

According to the source, the farmer alerted the police who arrived the scene and carried the corpse to the hospital.

It further revealed that the incident was not the first time students had gone to the stream, adding that they even go with food in some occasions.

City News learnt that the mother of the deceased collapsed when the news got to her, as he was said to be one of only two children she has.

When contacted, the Kubwa Divisional Police Officer, Chief Superintendent Nurrudeen Sabo, said the body was taken to the Kubwa General Hospital where it was certified dead and deposited at the mortuary.

He described the incident as tragic, urging parents to be more concerned about the whereabouts of their children.