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## Father, son drown in Abuja village

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An elderly Fulani man, names withheld, with his 11-year-old son, drowned inside River Gurara, at Nasarawa village, in Abaji Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), while they were crossing the river on Sunday.

An eyewitness said that the incident happened at about 6:45 p.m. when the deceased and his son were crossing the river, adding that the elderly herder, who held the hand of his son, suddenly slipped at the riverbank.

He said the man was carrying a sack of pepper on his head and had wanted to board a canoe to Kwali Market.

"Before the Fulani man got to the river with his son to board a canoe, the canoe had already left, and we were told that he was trying to cross the shallow part with his son when they drowned," the witness said.

He said the bodies of the late herder and his son were found under a tree by some fishermen at Gulida village, some few metres away from the community.

He said that the relatives of the deceased persons took their bodies for

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burial.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Abaji Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ahmed Mahmud, over the incident were unsuccessful, while a police officer at the station said the incident was not reported to the division.

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