

■ A man rides on a motorycle, dragging a wheelbarrow behind along Nyanya-Maraba road recently.

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Man drowns in Kwali river

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A yet to be identified middle-aged Fulani man drowned in a river last Thursday evening at Gugwa village, Dafa ward of Kwali Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A resident of the community, Yakubu Shehu, said the incident happened around 5:23 p.m. following heavy flooding in the area which also destroyed farms and houses.

He said the Fulani man who left Gugwa village on foot to cross the river to neighboring Dafa village, slipped at the river bank and fell inside the river.

"The Fulani man folded his

trousers and was about crossing the river when he suddenly slipped and by then, the level of water had increased and before we realized what was happening, the man had drowned," he said.

He said some fisher men at the village, who got wind of the incident, rushed to the river to search for the body of the man but could not find the corpse.

The village head of Tungan Sarki, Alhaji Aliyu Musa, who confirmed the incident told our reporter that the community was thrown into confusion after information came that a Fulani man was drowned in the river.

"In fact, up till now, the corpse of the Fulani has not been found,

despite efforts by some residents who went in to the river to look for his corpse. But may be by the time the water level had go down, his corpse may be found," he said.

The monarch recalled how a police officer from a neighbouring community in the area was drowned in the river some years back, saying the corpse of the police man could not be found up to today.

When contacted, the Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Mr. Yakubu Mahammed, said he was not aware of the incident, saying nobody came to report the incident at the station.

In another incident, two persons were seriously injured on Saturday afternoon by a hit and run driver at

Piri junction, on the Abuja-Lokoja express way.

A witness said the incident happened around 2:34 p.m. when the victims riding on a motorcycle from Kwali, were hit by an unmarked speeding truck.

Our reporter, who arrived the scene immediately after the incident, saw the two victims lying unconscious by the road side, while men of the police patrol team came to evacuate them to hospital.

When contacted, the Yangoji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Mr. Jeremiah M. Fada, said he was not aware of the incident, saying he would find out from his men who went on patrol.

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