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NYSC member drowns 'rescuing' boat mishap victims

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A member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has drowned while attempting to rescue passengers of a boat accident in Rafin Gwamga river in Ngaski Local Government area of Kebbi State. Our correspondent gathered from eyewitnesses yesterday that the corps member whose name was given as Sunday Eso from Ogun State, was said to be undergoing his primary assignment at Government Secondary School, Libata.

The Interim Chairman of Ngaski LG, Shehu Barau, while confirming the incident, said, it occurred around 10:30am on Friday and it took local divers and those he wanted to rescue, about an hour to recover his body in the river.

Barau said the corps member plunged into the Gwanga water that links to River Niger, in an attempt to save locals whose boat capsized.

"He was traveling alone in a boat from Rafin Gwanga to Libata when suddenly he plunged into the water in an attempt to rescue some locals whose boat had broken into two. He thought the victims do not know how to swim.

"Unfortunately, he got drowned because he couldn't swim. The locals who had already swam to safety, dived back into the river with some other divers and tried to save him. His corpse was, however, recovered after about an later.

"The corpse has been conveyed to a mortuary in a hospital in Birnin

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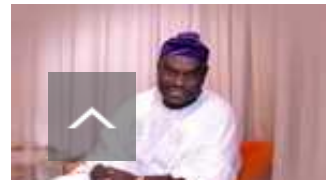
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Kebbi after a doctor at Warra General Hospital confirmed him dead," he said.

The state NYSC Coordinator, Mr Ebeneza Olusegun Olawale, when contacted on phone, confirmed the incident and said they had contacted the deceased's family.


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