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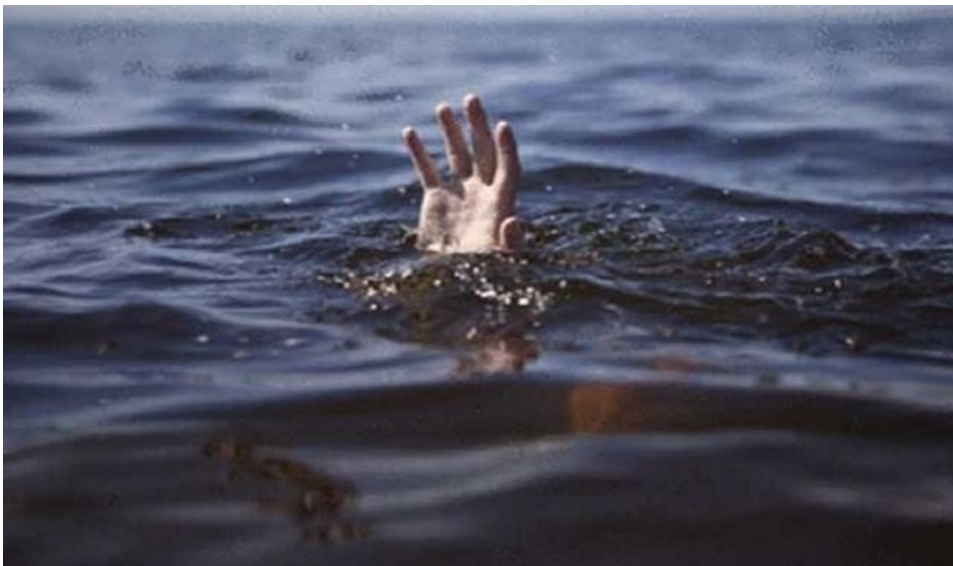
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A 14-year-old boy, identified only as Abdullahi, last Saturday evening died in a river in Abaji.

A resident of the area, who preferred anonymity, said the incident happened around 5:12 p.m. when the deceased joined two of his playmates to bathe at the river in the area.

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He said the deceased, after arriving at the river, removed his clothes and jumped into the river with two of his playmates but did not resurface.

"It was one of the boys who is their neighbour that asked him to accompany him to the river to wash his clothes, but on reaching the river he followed the other boys and jumped into the water. After some time they noticed that he had not resurfaced," he said.

He said the two boys immediately rushed back home with the clothes of the deceased but were too terrified to talk about the incident.

The source said one of the boys hid the deceased's clothes until the mother came to look for her child at the neighbour's house before one of them told the mother the incident at the river.

He said the mother and some elders in the area went to the river to search for the boy only to discover his corpse which they took back home for burial.



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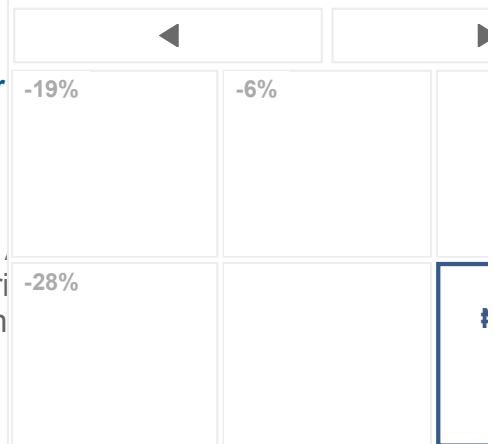
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