

2 die inside pond in Kano

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The Kano State Fire Service has confirmed the death of two young men following an incident at a waterlogged ditch along the Ring Road opposite Dorayi Babba.

According to the Public Relations Officer, ACFO Saminu Yusif Abdullahi, the Director of the Service, Alhaji Sani Anas, said the control room received a distress call at about 9:36 a.m. from one Garba Sani reporting the emergency.

According to the report, the victims, Saifullahi Muhammad, 27, and Halifa Abdullahi, 29, both residents

of Gwammaja quarters, were reportedly pursuing a debtor from Kofar Ruwa Market to retrieve outstanding dues when the man fell into a puddle. In a bid to apprehend him, both men followed him into the water and became trapped.

"Our rescue team from the headquarters responded immediately and retrieved both men from the ditch, unconscious. They were rushed to Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, where doctors later confirmed them dead," the statement read.

The remains of the victims were handed over to Inspector Halifa Muhammad of Kuntau

Police Division for further investigation.

In a separate incident, the Fire Service also responded to a report of two well-drainers trapped inside a well in Danmaliki village near Chalawa Filling Station. The call came in at about 6:01 a.m. from a staff member, SFS Usman Aminu.

The victims, who were working inside the well, were overcome by heat and lack of oxygen and became trapped. Fortunately, the rescue team was able to bring them out alive. "They were successfully rescued, conscious and were later confirmed to be in stable condition," the Fire Service said.