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# 3 teenagers drown in Bauchi river

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Three teenagers have drowned while swimming in a river near a mining site at Jinkiri village, Tirwun in Bauchi Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Bauchi State Police Command spokesman, CSP Ahmed Wakil, confirmed the incident in a statement, saying the teenagers had been mining before entering the river.

The deceased were identified as Habibu Mohammed (16), Abubakar Mohammed (16), and Zailani Sule (14), all residents of Durum village.

Wakil said the tragic event is under investigation, and the bodies were recovered and handed over to their families after examination at the Specialist Hospital, Bauchi, for burial.

"The Bauchi State Police Command under Commissioner of Police, CP Sani-Omolori Aliyu, deeply sympathises with the affected families," he said.

Wakil also stressed the urgent need for increased safety awareness, especially among young people engaging in water activities, adding that such risks are heightened during the rainy season.