

## Man drowns at tourist site in Niger

**E**FFORTS to attract tourists to the popular Gurara Falls in Gurara Council of Niger State may have suffered a set back on Sunday when a middle-aged Lebanese, Mr. Hayten Dahar, got drowned while picnicking with two of his colleagues and two Nigerian ladies.

Havoc struck when Dahar, a manager with an Abuja-based construction firm in company of two of his compatriots and two un-identified Nigerian ladies, came on a picnic to the fall.

According to an eye-witness, the deceased fell into the pool while trying to walk across a section of the fall and got drowned. Efforts by his colleagues to rescue him failed to yield positive results.

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The incident attracted the attention of local people who quickly joined in the rescue but to no avail, forcing the victim's colleagues to stay by the fall side throughout the night.

The victim's body was later discovered on Monday morning after a joint team of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) and villagers conducted a search. The body was later deposited at the Suleja General Hospital mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the state NSCDC Commandant, Mr. Augustine Obiekwe, said that officers and men of the 'Disaster Management Unit' of the corps were drafted