

100-level student drowns in Rivers varsity

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A 100-level student of the Rivers State University (RSUT), has reportedly drowned in the University of Port Harcourt's swimming pool.

The student, identified simply as Emmanuel, had gone with his friends to the pool, but drowned while they were swimming at the Olympic-size swimming pool in the Sports Complex, Abuja Campus of the University.

The Guardian gathered that the victim, who hails from Ogun State was at the pool with three of his friends.

It was learned that the police have visited the scene and arrested two of the friends for questioning.

Meanwhile, the corpse has been deposited at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital mortuary, while his two friends have been detained at Choba Police Station.

However, the management of the University of Port Harcourt has placed a ban on pleasure swimming in the facility. Spokesman for the university, Sam Kpenu, confirmed that the remains of the deceased have been deposited at the mortuary.

IN another statement, the Vice-Chancellor of UNIPORT, Prof. Owunari Georgewill, said the swimming pool would only be open for professional uses.

He said: "We wish to inform all staff and students that the University of Port Harcourt swimming pool is an Olympic size swimming pool and henceforth we are placing a ban on pleasure swimming in the pool.

"Kindly bear with us as this is done to forestall further unfortunate incidents as it happened Sunday 12th September, 2021. We lost a student of Rivers State University who came to swim for leisure with his three friends."