## News

## Two people drown in earth dam in Bauchi

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TWO people on Monday drowned in a stagnant earth dam in Gumau village, in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

It was leant that the 30-yearold Muhammuda Babaji got drowned at the dam while bathing while a teenager, Yahuza Baraya, died in an attempt to save him.

Sympathisers, who gathered at the scene of the incident, were further thrown into confusion and mourning when teenager, Baraya, jumped into the dam in an attempt to save Babaji, but got drowned too.

The sad incident came barely five days after a 13-year-old JSS 1 student of Excellence Model Academy, who went to swim in a pond at Lurshi, Yelwa, a suburb of Bauchi metropolis got

drowned.

It was gathered that the earth dam was newly constructed near Gumau village by the Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority for cattle breeders.

All efforts by the men of the fire service from Toro Local Government Area to save the lives of the two victims could not yield any result as the duo had died before they arrived the scene.

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