

Meanwhile, two teenagers have allegedly drowned at a local pond in Ogwashi-Uku in Aniocha South Local Government Area of the state.

They victims were said to have drowned when they went to swim in the pond which was recently dredged for fishing business.

Locals said the supposed pond was not initially meant for fish farming but a burrow pit where water from a cassava processing machine, close to it, was being emptied.

Besides, the pit was also said to be used as a dump site of waste by residents in the neighborhood.

A resident said: "From what we learnt, someone opted to dredge the pit, expand it and convert it to a fish pond. Already, the pit has been dredged and filled with new water.

"It was the pond the little boys out of adventurism went to swim unaware that the dredging was not properly done because there is still accumulated mud beneath which they were trapped.