

# 12 drown while crossing stream on tractor

At least 12 persons drowned while crossing the Rafin Iwa stream in Sabuwa Local Government Area of Katsina State, according to Assemblyman, Sirajo Damari.

Damari (Sabuwa constituency), the Katsina State House of Assembly, disclosed this in to the House.

He said the incident occurred on Saturday when the victims were trying to cross the stream from Sayau village on a tractor.

He explained that the tractor conveying the victims (women and children) was washed away midstream by a strong body of water which caused the stream to overflow.

According to Damari only eight bodies have so far been recovered.

Damari, the House Majority Leader consequently moved a motion calling on the House to condole with Sabuwa Local Government Council and the people of the area over the accident.

The Speaker of the House, Alhaji Kabir Kofa said the House had resolved to send condolence messages to the people of the area.

## Copyright commission confiscates N2b

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Commission (NCC), Mr. Adebambo Adewoye has said that the commission has removed from the market pirated materials worth two billion Naira in the last two months.

Addressing pressmen in Kaduna on Thursday, after the public burning of pirated copyright materials at Kaduna International Trade Fair complex, the Director-General said the commission was committed to reducing to the barest minimum the level of piracy in the country.

He stressed that the burning exercise symbolically showed

He asked the council to invite the state fire service from Funtua to assist in tracing the bodies of the remaining victims.

## worth of pirated items

that the government and Nigerians will no longer tolerate piracy because it kills originality and creativity, as well as adversely affects the economy.

He, however, added that the campaign against piracy which was launched last year in Lagos State has prompted the commission to deploy its resources towards the implementation of all strategies needed to tackle the problem.

He lamented that the scourge of piracy has plummeted the fortunes of the nation's enterprises in many spheres.

"It is critical to our survival, so we all must campaign against it because we have the

out the obnoxious exercise," the zonal organizing secretary wondered.

He said the call on Engineer Jacob Nduteni to resign along with his zonal management team is to "pave way for industrial peace and harmony" and a more honourable exit for him.

pirates who are smiling away everyday and we have the creators and producers suffering," he lamented.

"We can no longer bear the burden of the negative image of being regarded as a dumping ground for pirated materials," he stressed.

However, Mr. Adewoye urged all Nigerians to support the campaign against piracy noting that with the support of Nigerian media in creating awareness on the harmful effects of piracy, the volume of pirated materials will be reduced.

The pirated copy materials which were burnt included video cassettes, video CDs and text books whose worth ranged between 10 million and 20 million Naira.