

10-year-old girl drowns in well

AS the nation celebrated the inauguration of newly elected politicians, tragedy struck at Doko town, near Bida when a 10-year old girl, died in a well.

An eye witness told News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the incident occurred on Tuesday when the girl, Habiba Ndatsu was sent by her mother to fetch water from the well.

The source told NAN that when the deceased fell inside the well, neighbours were im-

mediately attracted but they unsuccessfully tried to rescue her.

According to him, "no fewer than seven people entered the well at different times for the rescue mission but were hurriedly pulled out.

"The water level was too deep for anyone to attempt further to rescue the little girl as two PHCN ladders were tied together before we could know the water level", an anonymous source

said.

NAN gathered that hundreds of good Samaritans who gathered at the scene later resorted to draining the well to enable them have access to the girl.

It took over two hours before the officials of the fire service came from Bida to render assistance.

The fire officer, Idris Mohammed said that the water level was high because of the rainy

season, and cautioned parents to desist from sending under aged children to fetch water from wells.

Speaking on the development, the guardian of the deceased, Mallam Ndatsu Mohammed described the incident as an act of God, while praying to Him to give her eternal rest.

NAN reports that late Habiba has been buried according to Islamic rites.