

# 6-year-old girl drowns in drainage

A SIX-YEAR-old girl identified as Christiana Oluebere was found drowned in a poorly constructed drainage on

Finbarrs Road in Umuahia, Abia.

Some Mobile Policemen who defied the downpour to assist the

the nine-year-old brother of the girl, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on yesterday that the incident happened on Tuesday.

The policemen said that they laboured in vain to rescue Christiana.

They suggested that the girl had been swept away by the flood and her body was later found.

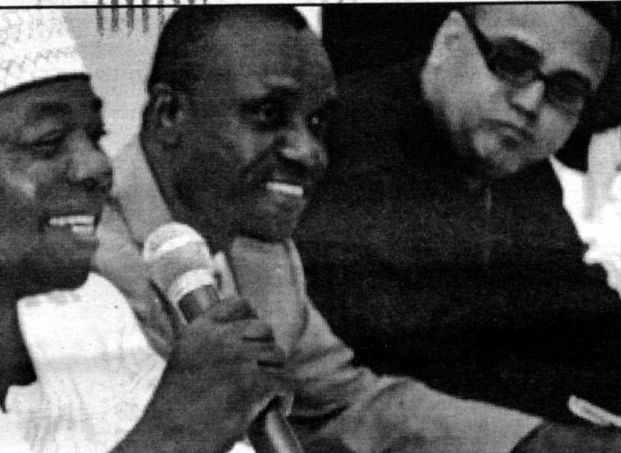
The boy told NAN that they were going home after watching the cutting of the New Yam Traditional Rite of Ibeku Kingdom when the rain started.

He said that he was carrying his sister and both of them slipped into the drainage that was covered with flood.

The boy said: "I managed to rescue myself not knowing that my sister had been carried away by the flood."

Some of the residents in the area blamed the situation on the poor drainage system in some parts of Umuahia metropolis.

The residents said the poor drainage system impede the flow of flood waters.



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