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# Traditional ruler laments loss of lives in Moshe River

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The traditional ruler of Moshegbofa in Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, Mallam Saka Gomadi, has bemoaned incessant loss of lives of his people through canoe mishaps in Moshe River.

Speaking with journalists, the traditional ruler said that many residents of the area lose their lives in the river anytime it overflowed its bank due to the absence of a bridge.

Gomadi, who lamented that more than five lives were lost last year while they were trying to cross the river, pleaded with the state government to construct a bridge across the river to make the journey on the Moshe-Bode-Ilesha-Baruba river safe.

He also urged the government to take urgent steps to forestall further loss of lives in the river.

"I thank God for having the opportunity to speak with newsmen. This has been the situation for many years now. The community has lost quite a number of people in the river just because there is no bridge.

"The river has no bridge. This has also been an impediment to the people of my domain in respect of moving their goods and passengers freely," Gomadi said.

Also speaking, a community leader, Mr Abdullahi Yakub-Isiak, corroborated mallam Gomadi, saying it had become extremely difficult for them to move farm produce from the community to markets in the cities.

Yakub-Isiak, who said that most of the residents were farmers, regretted that many farmers had died in the process of moving their farm produce to the markets, saying, "this route is very strategic in respect of economic activities in this area.

"We, therefore, urge the state government to come to our aid and construct a bridge across the river.

"Government should consider the high revenue generation in the area and assist our people by constructing a good bridge that will link our community with others", he said.

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