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Two NCE graduate farmers die in boat accident in Niger community

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TRAGEDY struck in Bina, Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State on Sunday as two graduates of National Certificate of Education (NCE) got drowned when the wooden canoe conveying them

while returning home from their rice farmlands in the council area capsized.

The victims were identified as Suleiman Ibrahim (25) and Tanko Abako Hassan (23).

They were said to have gone to work on their rice farmlands that were said

to have been submerged by flood as a result of down-pour over the weekend.

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gathered that the two men graduated from the Niger State College of Education, Minna.

Further checks revealed that a Fulani woman who

saw when and how the accident occurred was the one who alerted the villagers about the spot where the accident occurred.

A source close to the scene of the incident said some local divers found the canoe, but were still

searching for the bodies of the victims.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer, Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), Malam Ibrahim Audu Hus-saini, said that the agency had yet to be briefed about the incident.