

## Two siblings drown in Benue

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2 TWO children of a trader on Saturday drowned in the lake of Nguembi stream in Gboko area of Benue State.

According to an eyewitness, the children, whose names were given as Shater Abomnger (10 years old) and younger brother, Teshide (eight years old), got drowned while in search of containers.

Both the father, Teryima Abomnger, and their mother

were said to have gone to their places of work, leaving the children at home.

The eyewitness who identified himself as Mr Joseph Orban and who was at the scene of the incident explained that the two siblings were in search of containers when they drowned.

According to Orban, "Shater's leg slipped and he was drowning in the lake when his younger brother dived into the stream to save him, but both got drowned."

The eyewitness said further that efforts by him and others to rescue the children failed, adding that he and two others who raced to the scene were only able to recover their bodies.

**Nigerian Tribune** learnt that the bodies were taken to the General Hospital, Gboko, where they were certified dead.

While decrying the havoc the lake had wreaked in the past years, Mr Orban said that he had been living in the

community for the past 15 years, stating that the erosion created the lake which had resulted in about 30 cases of drowning he had witnessed.

The bereaved father, Mr. Abomnger said that he and their mother left the children at home in search of daily bread only to receive a call from a friend.

When contacted, Benue State Police Command's spokesperson, DSP Catherine Anene said that she was yet to be briefed.

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