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18-yr-old undergraduate drowns in River Benue

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AN 18-year-old 100-level student of Benue State University, Makurdi, simply identified as Shadrach, on Wednesday, drowned in River Benue.

The undergraduate, according to an eyewitness, had gone to the river at the Wadata area of Makurdi metropolis with some of his relations to wash clothes when his legs suddenly slipped and he fell into the water.

A neighbour who lives in the same area and who identified himself as Elijah, told the **Nigerian Tribune** that the deceased, who lived in another part of Makurdi, only came to the family house few days ago following the death of his grandfather on May 7.

Elijah further said the deceased went to the river bank with two of his relatives at about 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday to wash clothes and fetch water from the river.

According to him, "it was while Shadrach was washing the clothes that he slipped into the river. His two relatives immediately dived into the water to rescue him but he was dead afterwards.