

Rivers widow's children drown in canal, police begin probe

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Two sons of a widow, Mrs Ogechukwu Thankgod, have drowned in a canal in Akiama community in the Bonny Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The Deputy Press Secretary to the council chairman, Boma Waribor, who confirmed the incident in a statement on Monday, said the two boys were aged seven and 10.

The statement read, "The Chairman of Bonny Local Government, Dame Anengi Barasua, says she is grieved by the incident wherein two brothers, aged seven and 10, drowned in a canal in Akiama community in the Bonny LGA.

"Dame Barasua, who was represented by her Chief of Staff, Austin Onu Pepple, expressed this grievance when she paid a condolence visit to the deceased's family today at their residence in Akiama.

"She used the opportunity to call on community leaders around Bonny to show responsibility by ensuring restrictions are fortified around danger-prone zones in their areas of influence.

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“The Bonny LGA boss noted that the loss of two children by a widow in one day and in such a horrendous manner was a painful experience, praying that the bereaved mother, Mrs Ogechukwu ThankGod, would find peace and bounce back soonest.”

The state acting Police Public Relations Officer, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation was ongoing.