

# Benue varsity student drowns in river

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A fresh student of the Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Markudi, Benue State, Felix Nyikyaa, who was reported to have drowned in the River Niger was recovered dead on Tuesday.

PUNCH Metro learnt in a telephone conversation with the President of, the National Association of Benue State Students, Ashar Lubem, on Tuesday, that the students went missing on Sunday.

Lubem noted that after several searches by rescuers, the student's body was found floating by the river bank.

He said, "The incident happened two days ago (Sunday) and rescuers searched for him. His body was found this morning (Tuesday).

"We are still looking into the situation to know maybe it was a case of drowning or he was killed because his body was seen floating by the river bank."

He disclosed that even though the circumstances that led to his drowning could not be ascertained, the student association was working on contacting the family.

He expressed condolences to the family of the students while urging the students to be mindful of their well-being.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of the student, and we mourn the loss of a young and promising life. The student’s passing is a tragic reminder of the fragility of life, and we are reminded to cherish every moment we have with our loved ones.

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“We also urge all students to be mindful of their well-being and to seek help if they are struggling with their emotions or if they need support. The university is here to support you, and we want to ensure that everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive,” Lubem said.

Meanwhile, colleagues of the late student took to social media to express their sorrow for the unfortunate incident.

A student, Tsekaa Amos, noted that the deceased was supposed to be among the matriculated students on Monday before the unfortunate incident.

He expressed condolences to the family of the late student.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved brother, who was supposed to be matriculated yesterday.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of the student, and we mourn the loss of our very fellow great Makurdian who was admitted to the Department of Agribusiness College of Management Sciences.”

When contacted on Tuesday, the Benue Police Public Relations Officer, Anene Sewuese, said she was yet to be briefed on the incident.

She promised to get back to our correspondent but has yet to do so as of the time of filling this report.