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2 drown mysteriously in Calabar pool



•Sympathisers by the pond side.

account of grief, she beckoned on her son, Divine, to take up the narration.

"After my father had finished washing the vehicle, he went back to the pond to bath, but suddenly we saw him struggling with something. It was like something was pulling him down. At that point, my sister, Ruth, jumped into the water to help him out but both of them then disappeared. I could not see them again. Something told me to jump in too but I did not, so I started to cry out for help," little Divine said amid tears.

Sunday Sun gathered that in the midst of the confusion, the family members were said to have contacted a spiritualist vested with knowledge of such matters for rescue mission.

The man, whose identity was not made known to our correspondent as at the time of filling this report, poured libations repeatedly into the pool and made some incantations. Subsequently, he jumped into the pond, and in a twinkle of an eye, dragged out two dead bodies.

Mrs. Kate who was standing by, identified the bodies as that of her husband and daughter, also confirmed that the Toyota Hiace bus with registration number, CAL 85 XA parked at the scene belonged to her late husband.

Family sources said they were still trying to find out the cause of such mysterious deaths, especially considering the fact that they came from Akwa Ibom, which has a rich culture.

The source further said the corpses of the deceased had been deposited at Calabar General Hospital. He said arrangements were being made to bury late Hanson and his daughter according to traditional rites.

Efforts to get the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Hogan Bassey to comment on the incident were unsuccessful as he was said to be away on official assignment. However, a policeman in his office confirmed that the incident had been reported.

FROM JUDEX OKORO, CALABAR

Tragedy struck in the 8-Miles area of Calabar, Cross River State, when a man, Ime Innocent Hanson and his 15-year-old daughter, Ruth, mysteriously drowned in a pool at Marian Road extension in Calabar Municipality Local Government Area of the state.

Hanson and Ruth were indigenes of Nkworo village in Etim Ekpo Local Govern-

ment Area of Akwa Ibom state.

The incident happened Sunday morning just before dawn when Ime and his two children went as usual to wash the bus in one of the stagnant pools located along Parliamentary road.

Amid sobs, the distraught wife of the late Hanson, Mrs. Kate Ime Innocent, told *Sunday Sun*: "My husband left the house with my two children, Ruth and Divine (our son) to the place to wash his vehicle. He usually plied the Calabar-Lagos and Calabar-Abuja routes. Few hours after, people came to inform me that the water had swallowed him and my daughter, Ruth."

Unable to talk again, on



The bus the deceased went to wash.