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Teenage boy drowns in swimming pool

A 13-year-old boy, Simon Kaase, has died in a swimming pool in Tarka Local Government. Area of Benue State. Simon, it was learnt, had gone with his friends to the pool to swim but did not return, as he got drowned. His death came barely three years after his mother, Mrs. Ene Sunday, died following complications which arose from a major operation she underwent in the hospital in Makurdi.

Simon's father, Mr. Sunday Kaase, told our correspondent that his son used to go to the swimming pool to swim with his friends and expressed shock over the incident.

He said: "I was shocked when I heard about the death of the boy, he used to go to the swimming pool to swim with his friends but on that day, he did not come back." Kaase explained that when Simon and his friends finished swimming and were to return home, he decided to stay back and continue to swim. According to him, what came out of that was news of his death.

Kaase said the incident reminded him of his wife's death three years ago. According to him, the boy will be buried tomorrow at his village of Mbajiir-Mbakor in Tarka Local Government Area of the state. Simon left behind his seven-year-old younger sister, Kadoon.

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