

Five drown in Jigawa flood

No fewer than five persons have drowned in Gantsa town, the headquarters of Buji Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

It was learnt that a cattle cart carrying them capsized while trying to cross a damaged portion of a bridge due to flooding from Birninkudu, a neighboring local government area.

The State Police Command confirmed the incident in a statement by its spokesman, DSP La-wal Shiisu Adams.

The statement said, "On a tragic and sad note, today Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at about 1200hrs, information reached police at Gantsa town that five people drowned at the town.

"The deceased carried by a cattle cart attempted to cross the road at Ganta town, where the passing flood water came with

pressure and over powered the cart and capsized.

"On receipt of the pitiful report, a team of policemen in collaboration with local divers rushed to the scene with a view to rescuing them alive. The rescue team conveyed the victims to Gansta Cottage Hospital, regretfully the medical doctor on duty certified them all dead.

"Some of the victims include two children, aged two and seven, a teenage girl Fiddausi Dahiru; Lurwanu Adamu, 30, and Idris Abubakar 50. The corpses were released to relatives for burial."

Two weeks ago, three teenage girls reported drowned in a pond at Tulla village of Buji Local Government.

A father and son died in the same week in a building collapse after heavy downpour that caused flood.