

Three Children of Policemen Drown in Akwa Ibom

The Akwa Ibom State Police Command yesterday confirmed the drowning of three children of police officers in a pool of water at Eket barracks.

Speaking to journalists, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Odiko Macdon, described the incident as "painful and shocking."

He said the Commissioner of Police in the state, Amiengheme Andrew, received the news of the sad incident with rude shock and disbelief.

"The three of them were children of two serving police inspectors in Eket division, we commiserate with the families, it is indeed painful.

"We understand that the

pool of water is used for erosion control, it is more painful because this is preventable," he said.

He urged policemen residing in barracks to be more vigilant to avoid tragic occurrences, saying, "we should keep an eye on the welfare of our family members, they are the reason we work."

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the scene reports that the pool has been cordoned off to avoid further incidents.

A bereaved family member, who pleaded anonymity, told NAN that the incident occurred on Tuesday, and that the children were aged between 5 and 7.