

# 2 workmen suffocate to death in barge

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**WARRI** — TWO young men engaged to clean-up suspected toxic substance from a barge belonging to Jowason Enterprise at the Enerhen river, near Warri, Delta State, were suffocated to death in the early hours of yesterday.

The deceased identified as Lucky Ejovi, 32 and Michael Onoriode, 24, both welders, were engaged by a contractor to clean up the alleged toxic substance pumped into a jetty when the incident occurred.

According to sources, at about 12:05 am one of the surviving workers in the barge raised alarm that two of his colleagues had died inside the barge, prompting the arrest of three men, from whom the Police obtained statements.

Confirming the incident to *Saturday Vanguard* on telephone, the Divisional Police Officer of Enerhen Police Station, Mr. Favel Semani (CSP) said, "It was a case of suffocation inside the barge. They were supposed to come out at intervals but they overstayed," he stated.