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BAUCHI — Tradegy struck, yesterday, when three people, including two students of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi got drowned in Gubi dam, Ganjuwa Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

According to sources, some students of the university who were on a short break came to the dam to hold a party to mark the Easter festival. It was learnt that one of the students decided to swim in the dam and got drowned.

The second student who attempted to save the life of his friend also drowned.

The situation subsequently led to the death of the third person who also drowned while trying to save the two students.

Some of the residents told *Vanguard* that many people had lost their lives in the dam in the past and wondered why people still swim there.

They called on the state government to enact a law that would ban people from having functions close to the dam because of past tragic incidences.

Confirming the incident to *Vanguard*, General Manager of Bauchi State Water Board, Mr Aminu Aliyu Gital, said three bodies, including two students of the AbubakarTafawaBalewaUniversity were recovered from Gubi dam water treatment plant.

Aminu who expressed shock over the incident, called on parents and guardians to always monitor activities of their children and wards.

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He said: "We want to warn people against going to the dam to celebrate. There are many ways people can celebrate a festival, instead of exposing themselves to danger."