

Man vanishes in a river while bathing at midnight



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CALABAR – A man identified as Brother Sonny has mysteriously disappeared in a river at Ishaya village, Ogoja Local Government Area of Cross River State, after going to bathe at midnight.

The incident, which occurred on September 28, has thrown the community into confusion and grief. According to his younger sister, Joy Philips, Sonny left home at midnight to bathe in the nearby river but never returned.

“A tragic moment has yet again happened in my family, as we cry over the loss of my elder brother, Sonny. He went to the nearby Ishaya river at midnight to bathe and vanished. Till now we are still looking for him in the river. He hasn’t bathed in the river before, and cannot even swim,” she said.

By Tuesday afternoon, neither Sonny nor his body had been found. Joy further explained that villagers had expressed spiritual beliefs about his disappearance. “We are told he is still undergoing trial underwater and his body will be released by 12 midnight. We are heading back to the river with hope of retrieving his body. The question is, why will a son of the soil drown in his own local river?” she lamented.

She added that the police had not yet been contacted, insisting, “If police want to interrogate us, they should come to us. We cannot go to them now.” Community members remain hopeful as search efforts continue.