



ACTIVITY: Bathing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.10.11.R](#)

DATE: Reported October 11, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in Forcados River, Delta, Nigeria.

NAME: Mrs. Torugbene-Ere Aboh

DESCRIPTION: She is a 38-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: The Forcados River is a channel in the Niger Delta, in southern Nigeria. It meets the sea at the Bight of Benin in Delta State. On October 9, 2012, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, said that during the previous few weeks unprecedented floods ravaged many parts of the country, rendering tens of thousands of Nigerians homeless, and causing massive destruction of property, farmlands, and infrastructure across the country. At the time of the incident, Mrs. Aboh, states that the river was “overflowing”.

NARRATIVE: Following a three-day fasting programme in a church community, she went for a bath in the river. “Shortly after I started bathing, I felt a sharp cut on my right leg and I screamed for help,” she said. “The screaming drew the attention of my brethren who were also in the river and they came to my rescue.”

INJURY: She sustained a laceration to her right leg.

TREATMENT: “I was immediately taken to a nearby patent medicine shop, where I was

given 12 stitches before I was later taken by my husband to a private clinic at Bomadi for proper medical treatment.”

SPECIES: Not identified, but the habitat suggests a bull shark may have been involved.

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