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Man, Two Girls Drown in River Indus, Shangla

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A man drowned in the River Indus near Dandai, Shangla, in a separate but related tragedy to an ongoing rescue operation for two missing girls swept away in the same river earlier this week.

The man, whose identity has not yet been confirmed publicly, drowned near Dandai last night. Despite immediate rescue efforts by emergency workers and local residents, his body has not yet been recovered due to the river's strong and dangerous current.

This incident comes as rescue teams from Shangla and Torghar continue a third consecutive day of search operations for two young girls who went missing after slipping

into the river near Kamach Nusrat Khel. The girls had been fetching water from a spring along the riverbank when the accident occurred. A third girl, also at the scene, was saved by locals during the initial moments of the incident.

Authorities say the search operation has been hindered by difficult terrain and turbulent waters in the stretch between Dandai and Deedal Kamach. Rescue teams are reportedly using boats and divers, but strong currents have made progress slow and dangerous.

Local officials have expressed concern over repeated drowning incidents in the area, calling for better public safety measures and awareness campaigns, particularly near rivers and water sources during the monsoon season.

Both tragedies have deeply affected residents in the surrounding villages, who have gathered in support of the affected families. Community members and rescue volunteers continue to assist in the search operations, despite growing concerns about the chances of recovery.

The River Indus, one of Pakistan's largest and most powerful rivers, has claimed numerous lives in recent years, especially in remote and under-resourced regions like Shangla and Torgar, where emergency infrastructure is limited.

Further updates will be provided as recovery efforts continue.