

# Kwara fire service recovers body from Ilorin river

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File: Kwara State Fire Service Office

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Men of the Kwara State Fire Service on Wednesday recovered the lifeless body of a man believed to be mentally unstable from the Asa River along Emir's Road in Ilorin, the state capital.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident, which occurred around 11:06 a.m., caused panic among residents and passersby who gathered at the scene as the body floated on the river.

According to a statement by the Head of Media and Publicity of the Kwara State Fire Service, PFO Hassan Hakeem Adekunle, the victim's identity remains unknown, though he was said to be mentally challenged.

“The cause of the drowning could not be immediately ascertained. The recovered body was later handed over to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, for further necessary action,” the statement read in part.

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The Director of the State Fire Service, Prince Falade John Olumuyiwa, described the incident as unfortunate and expressed sympathy to the deceased's family and the general public.

Olumuyiwa also urged residents to exercise caution and avoid risky movements around rivers, streams, and other water bodies, especially during the rainy season, to prevent similar tragedies.

He reiterated the commitment of the state fire service to responding promptly to emergencies and safeguarding lives and property across Kwara State.

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