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Sallah Tragedy: 10 drown at Bar Beach

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Tragedy struck on Monday in Lagos when 10 persons got drowned at the Lagos Bar Beach.

Picnickers had gathered at the popular beach to celebrate the eid-el fitri festival for which government declared Monday and Tuesday as public holidays.

Amid frolicking, no fewer than 10 of the picnickers were said to have been swept away by surging ocean waves.

Apparently, the victims were no swimmers and so could not help themselves when they were swept away by the waves.

Picnickers looked helpless as the incidents happened.

However, a police source told Daily Sun that four of the 10 victims were rescued, while six are yet to be found.



Holiday makers at the beach



When contacted, Lagos Police Spokesman, Frank Mba would not confirm the report, but said that following the speculation the Commissioner of Police, Mr Marvel Akpoyibo had ordered the Marine Police to comb the ocean in search of the victims.

Mba advised parents, whose children went for picnic and were yet to return to report at the Bar Beach Police Station.

Parents were also advised to monitor the movement of their children and wards during the festivities to make sure that they were safe.

Besides the Lagos Bar Beach, Nigerians also stormed the various fun spots across the country to celebrate the eid.

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