POLICE NAB 2 OVER DROWNING OF BUSINESSMAN

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Police in Bayelsa State have confirmed the arrest of two persons believed to be security operatives over alleged complicity in the death of a businessman, Mr. Akunama Agunza.

Our correspondent gathered that the deceased was allegedly arrested over his attempt to secure the release of his wooden boat impounded by an oil bunkering task force set up by the Southern Ijaw LGA.

It was gathered that the deceased allegedly leased his boat to some youths who used it for illegal oil bunkering and it got impounded. The attempt by the boat owner to secure the release of the boat led to his death in controversial circumstances.

Spokesman of the family, Silas Okiri, said the case was reported to Oporoma police station after the family discovered the decomposing body of Akunama Agunza along the Ofonigbene River in Southern Ijaw.

Okiri said while the two accused officials were in possession of the mobile phones and the boat of the deceased, they were unable to tell them the whereabouts of their brother.

Spokesman of the state police command, Mr. Alex Akhigbe, who confirmed the development, said investigation was progressing on the circumstances surrounding the death of the boat owner.

He said two families were laying claims to the corpse of the deceased.

“While one family is claiming he was their brother, another came up to say he was their missing son found floating on the river, we are investigating”, he said.

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