

Siblings drown in Ondo river after heavy downpour

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TWO teenage siblings reportedly lost their lives in Ore, the headquarters of the Odigbo Local Council of Ondo State, after drowning in a river in the community during a heavy downpour.

The incident occurred on Tuesday night when the teenagers attempted to cross the popular Omileye River in the area on their way home from their father's shop.

According to a resident identified simply as Jumoke, the siblings had gone to their father's motorcycle mechanic workshop, after summer class, but left the shop at night after the heavy rain subsided.

The distraught father reportedly raised the alarm upon returning home and not finding his children, after which a search party was organised for the whereabouts

of the children.

Following hours of searching, the lifeless bodies of the boys were discovered at different locations along the stretch of the river.

Jumoke said: "It was a terrible day. When they got home and he did not see them after a few minutes, he became worried. When the family and their neighbours began looking for them, others joined.

"After a few hours of search, their bodies were found trapped between pieces of wood along the riverbank. The river was already overflowing when the children decided to cross it."

When contacted, spokesperson for the state police command, Olayinka Alayande, confirmed the incident, assuring that a detective would be assigned to commence investigation into the matter.