

Man drowns in River Forcados

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THERE was confusion Monday in Bomadi town, Bomadi Local Government Area, Delta State following drowning of a 24-year-old man in River Forcados while trying to cool off from the scorching sun.

The deceased, identified as Saheed Ajapo, hailed from

Ondo State and was a tailor before he met his untimely death.

A friend of the deceased who does not want his name on print said Saheed on Monday afternoon after working at his tailoring shop, told a friend that he was going to the river to cool off.

He said his friend (name withheld) advised him to steer clear from the river

since he was not a good swimmer but Saheed ignored the advice and went and got drowned.

Eyewitness, Mr. Keme Laon, said he was at the bank of the River Forcados near the Bomadi Marine Police Base when all of a sudden some adolescents who where swimming raised alarm that a man who was taking his bath near the shore was drowning.

And before local divers could get to the scene, Saheed had submerged and was not found.

According to him, all efforts by the local divers to search the river bed was to no avail since the river was flowing with high current.

His corpse was recovered the next day and was deposited at the General Hospital, Bomadi morgue.

Meanwhile, the Secretary to the Bomadi Federated Communities, Mr. Ebi Kasikoro, has called on parents, indigenes and non-indigenes to prevail on their wards especially those that do no know how to swim to stay clear from the river to avoid life threatening situation. He condoled with the Ajapo family for the death of their child.