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Four Persons Die In Lagoon, Others Missing

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Lagos State police command is investigating a case in Owode Ikorodu area of Lagos State, yesterday, when four persons drowned in a lagoon in the metropolis. Policemen were attempting to arrest the suspected cultists when they drowned.

The death of the victims sparked off protest among the irate youths who chanted war songs.

The youths blamed the policemen attached to Owode police station for the death of the victims.

An eyewitness, Ifeanyi Onyema disclosed that the angry youths attempted to set the police station ablaze but the move was repelled by the police. Onyema

said during the melle that ensued one person was killed.

LEADERSHIP Sunday gathered that not fewer than four people were feared drowned, while some are still missing in the lagoon when policemen from the Owode Police Division, Ikorodu area stormed different black spots on Friday.

It was gathered that the police carried out the raids after receiving a tip-off about some Indian hemp joints in the area.

A police corporal disclosed that "the raid was carried out after the Commissioner of Police; Mr. Umar Manko received a petition from members of the community that robbers were disturbing them in the area. The community members had also fingered many of the Indian hemp smoking and selling joints in the area. Four of the suspects died after jumping into lagoon when they saw the police and started running. Nobody killed them."

An eyewitness, Okon said during

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