

# 10 drowned in Ilaje

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**A**BOUT 10 people, mostly children, reportedly drowned at the weekend at Ugbonla Zion community in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State.

It was learnt that the people died when they jumped into the sea to escape from policemen who had invaded the town to arrest Oba Henry Mobolorunduro, the traditional ruler.

It was gathered that the police had invaded the town following allegations that the N30 million meant for the development of the town was diverted by some people.

The police, acting on a petition from elders of the town, had arrested the monarch on February 16.

He was transferred from the Akure Police Command to the Force Headquarters, Abuja where he was released a few days ago.

One of the signatories to the petition, Prophet Omoregha Kosigiriri, told reporters that his signature was forged.