Poly student drowns in Ondo

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THERE was confusion at the weekend at Igbekebo, headquarters of Ese-Odo Local Government Area of Ondo State, following the death of a student of Rufus Giwa Polytechnic at Owo, Olagundoye Oladotun.

The deceased, a Higher National Diploma (HND) II Mathematics student, reportedly drowned in a river at Igbekebo.

Sources hinted that the deceased was said to have gone to Igbekebo for the burial of his friend's father, penultimate Thursday.

It was learnt the deceased went to swim with his friend, simply identified as Gboyega, with some other friends.

Sources said only Oladotun jumped into the river.

"Before the incident, Oladotun and some of his friends, including his host, Gboyega, went to the river. But he was the only one who removed his clothes and jumped into the river. After some time, he could not come up again."

It was learnt the body of the deceased was found by marine policemen four days after the incident.

Gboyega and three other friends, according to a source, have been arrested and detained at the Special Investigative Bureau (SIB) of the police command for interrogation.

Police spokesman Femi Joseph, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the command had begun investigation on the incident.

He said: "The report before us is that the deceased followed his friend to a jetty in the town and put off his clothes and jumped into the river, telling his friends he was a good swimmer.

"However, some hours after he dived into the river, he could not come up. But after four days of searching, his body was found floating on the river."