

# Crime & other stories

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## Schoolgirl drowns in Ogun river, four survive

**T**RAGEDY struck at Obada Oko area of Abeokuta, Ogun State penultimate Monday after a schoolgirl identified as Muyibat Akanbi drowned in a river in the community.

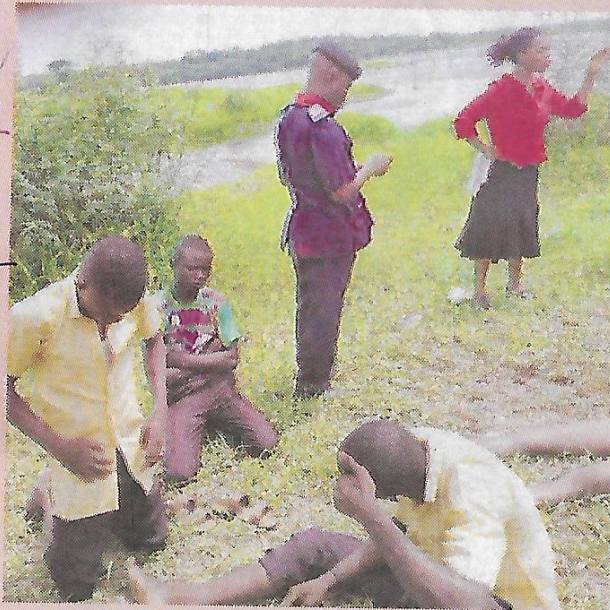
The 16-year-old deceased had joined her four other schoolmates at Adeoye Lambo Grammar School to swim in Owiwi Dam, shortly after they finished their end-of-term examination.

The names of the Senior Secondary 1 pupils who went to swim in the river are: Muyibat Akanbi, 16; Saubana Kehinde, 17; Amidat Yusuf, 16; Ibrahim Akanbi, 16 and Anita Godwin.

It was said that Akanbi and another pupil, Anita Godwin initially refused to swim with others in the river, but were persuaded by their colleagues.

The fun however took a fatal dimension shortly after they jumped into the river, when Muyibat and Anita started drowning.

Sources said that other members of the group, who survived the incident raised the alarm that attracted villagers



• Survivors

and operatives of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to the scene.

It was said that Muyibat died before she could be rescued while Anita and three others

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survived the incident.

It was learnt that the pupils had ignored a message on a signpost placed near the river warning people not to swim in the river.



• The river



• Muyibat's body

It was gathered that the remains of Muyibat have since been buried near the river by one

of her uncles.

A source said: "Authorities of the school have also warned pupils to desist from going to Owiwi River to swim. It is therefore unfortunate the pupils in question defied the warning by swimming in the river which resulted in the death of one of them."

Contacted, the spokesman of Ogun State Police Command, Mr Abimbola Oyeyemi promised to revert to our correspondent. He however did not do so at press time.