

19-year-old drowns in Ogun abandoned quarry pool



- Police, local divers launch rescue operations

A 19-YEAR-OLD boy identified as Oluwaferanmi Olasupo has drowned at an abandoned quarry pool near Eseke Village in Odeda Local Government Area, **Ogun State**.

The tragic incident occurred on February 21, 2025 when the boy and his friends went to the pool to swim but got drowned in the process.

Although, some local divers were assembled and mobilised to the pool site shortly after the drowning incident, the rescue efforts were postponed till Saturday due to poor visibility as night fell.

In the mean time, the Divisional Police Officer, Odeda has launched an investigation and search operation, police spokesperson, CSP Omolola Odutola, said in a statement, adding that the victim was an inexperienced swimmer.

CSP Odutola said the boy's grandfather, Olaseinde Sunday, reported the incident to the police at about 6:39 pm, after he was informed about it by villagers.

"According reports, the victim, an inexperienced swimmer, had gone to the quarry site with friends to swim when he got drowned.

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"His grandfather, Olaseinde Sunday, reported the incident to the police at about 6:39 PM, after being informed by villagers.

"Immediately the divisional police officer received the report, he detailed his detectives to swiftly mobilise to the scene to rescue the victim.

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“However, due to poor visibility as night fell, rescue efforts were postponed.

“Local divers have been contacted to assist in retrieving the body, and the search will resume at dawn.

“Meanwhile, the victim’s friends, who were present at the scene, fled and are currently in hiding.

“Authorities have instructed their parents to produce them for questioning as part of the ongoing investigation.

“This unfortunate incident underscores the dangers of swimming in unsecured water bodies, particularly abandoned quarry sites.

“Authorities urge the public to exercise caution and avoid such hazardous areas.

“Further updates on the search efforts will be communicated as more information becomes available,” she stated.