

In Ijebu Ode by Ogun State Police Command on Monday.

Banker drowns celebrating friend's birthday

ADELOWO OLADIPO - MINNA

THE Niger State Police Command has promised to investigate the immediate or remote cause of the death of a banker who drowned at Gurara Waterfall in Gurara Local Government of the state while celebrating the birthday of one of his colleagues over the weekend.

The deceased, identified as Olaniyi Gabriel Adedokun, was said to be in company of his visiting younger brother at a market in Abuja when he received a call from one of his friends inviting him to join them at the birthday celebration taking place at Gurara waterfall.

The persistent calls, investigations revealed, prompted the 27-year-old banker to leave his brother in the market after briefings on what to do at home, heading for the waterfall to join his friends.

After a while at the party, the deceased was said to have moved away from the crowd as he tried to answer an unknown caller, moving towards an isolated part of the waterfall.

But that was said to be the last time he was seen alive by friends.

The disappearance of the banker reportedly brought

the celebration to abrupt end as his friends started searching for him.

Metro learnt that the deceased's mobile phone and his pair of shoes were discovered later at a spot where

he dropped them before heading for where he was last seen by some picnickers.

The picnickers and staff of the Niger State Ministry of Information, Tourism and

Culture soon joined in the search party when it became evident that nobody could account for his whereabouts.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Niger State Police Command, DSP Bala

Elkanna, confirmed the incident, adding, however, that the police were investigating the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the 27-year-old banker.

Two teenagers killed in Bayelsa cult clash

• It was a robbery case — Police

AUSTIN EBIKPADE - YENAGOA

THE fight for supremacy between two rival cult groups claimed the lives of two teenagers in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital, on Saturday night.

The clash, which occurred at the Amarata area of Yenagoa metropolis, caused panic among residents who watched the battle between the rival armed cult gangs.

The cult groups were said to have freely used guns, cutlasses, axes and other weapons during the clash.

The clash left the two teenagers, aged 18 and 19, dead after they suffered gunshot wounds.

One of the victims, identified simply as Paul, from Anambra State, was said to have been shot by the rival cult group when he allegedly led his group, armed with guns and other weapons, on a reprisal attack for an earlier attack on his group.

He was said to have been shot in the abdomen and died at the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa, where he was rushed to for treatment after the encounter.

The other victim, whose name could not be ascertained, died during the clash.

Their remains had since been deposited at the morgue

of the FMC Yenagoa.

When contacted on the development, the Police Public Relations Officer, Bayelsa State Command, Mr Asinim Butswat, confirmed the death of one person.

He, however, denied that the victim died as a result of cult-related incident, saying it was a case of robbery.

"The boy was killed through mob action as he attempted to rob some residents. The deceased was resisted by the people who clubbed him to death," Butswat stated.

He, however, said the command had intensified patrols on the troubled areas to prevent further breakdown of law and order.

Robbers kill 2 mobile policemen, one other in Sokoto

MUHAMMAD SABIU - KADUNA

THE Commissioner of Police in Sokoto State, Mohammed Abdulkadir, has confirmed the killing of two mobile policemen by suspected armed robbers in the early hours of Monday morning.

Mr. Abdulkadir, who addressed journalists in Sokoto, on Monday, said that the police officers were attacked and killed while on duty at the NNPC mega station, Gusau road,

Sokoto.

"The suspected armed robbers came in a vehicle, overpowered the policemen, shot and killed them.

According to him, "they made a futile attempt to open the safe at the filling station. Their target was to steal the money that was kept in the safe, probably from the sales of Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

"We will disclose the identities of the policemen killed after duly informing

their various families.

"Their remains have been deposited at the Umar Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto," he added.

The police commissioner also confirmed the discovery of a headless body at the site on Monday morning in the city.

He said the headless body of the deceased was found packaged in a sack and dumped at a refuse site at Maituta road, Sokoto.