

Ethnic Clash Averted In Ondo As Two Suspects Kill 13-Year-Old Fulani Boy

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What could have led into ethnic clash was averted on Friday, by the timely intervention of the Ondo State government, in Isua Akoko in the Akoko South East Local Government Area of the state, following the death of a 13-year-old Fulani boy, Suleiman Usman.

The young Usman reportedly lured from his house by two people from the community was found dead in a river within the community.

A source explained that two people, Alagbara Dele and Oluwatunmise Gbara visited the residence of the deceased on a motorcycle and left with the young boy.

He stated that the parents of young Suleiman were not at home when the two suspects visited their home to take the deceased with them.

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The parents, however, raised the alarm over their missing son, while they organised a search party to look for the boy.

He said: “The body of Suleiman was found floating in a river in the town and he had been killed. The incident was reported at the police station and the police were able to arrest the two men”

The source said the suspects were arrested after a friend of the boy who was with him when he was picked, identified the two suspects and the motorcycle used during the operation.

He, however, said that the corpse of the victim had been deposited at the morgue.

The killing of the 13-year-old boy, however, led to some Fulani within the community mobilising themselves for reprisal on the host community.

It took the timely intervention of the Special Adviser to the state governor on Fulani/ Hausa matters, Alhaji Bala Umar, who invited security men to douse the tension in the agrarian community.

Umar however, appealed to the Fulanis not to take laws into their hands with an assurance that the suspects would not go unpunished.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Femi Joseph, said the two suspects had been arrested by men of the state police command in the area.

He said the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department in Akure for further investigation.