

3 Suspected thief, two persons feared drowned in Kwara river

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A suspected thief and two young men who chased him into a river at Amilengbe area of Ilorin, the Kwara State, have reportedly gone missing.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred on Saturday afternoon as the two men chased the suspected thief, who later jumped

into the Amilengbe river to escape being caught.

An eyewitness who narrated the incident said: "It was the shout of 'thief!, thief!' that drew the attention of some people at a welder's shop close to the river.

"Suddenly, the suspected thief jumped into the river and started swimming, before the two persons who were chasing him also

jumped into the river in effort to apprehend him.

"However, after a while, we couldn't see them again. We became uncomfortable after more than 30 minutes, before we decided to inform officials of the Kwara State Fire Service of the development."

When contacted, the Head of Department, Media and Publicity, Kwara

State Fire Service, Hassan Adekunle, confirmed the development.

He said: "We learnt the suspect stole from those Igbo traders around Amilengbe and jumped into the river when he got to the bridge. But up till now, after several hours of search, we have not seen their traces, whether they are dead or alive."