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Four drown in Ekiti river

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FOUR persons on Sunday evening drowned in a river in Okemesi-Ekiti, Ekiti West Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

Sources in the community informed the Nigerian Tribune that two of the victims were guests who had attended a funeral ceremony from Lagos, while the other two were residents of the community.

A source said: "The victims drowned while swimming in a popular river called Osun, located along Ajindo/Ido-Ile on the outskirts of the ancient community."

When contacted, the Ekiti State Police Public Relations

Officer (PPRO), DSP Abutu Sunday, confirmed the death of the four persons, adding that investigations had already commenced.

He said: "A distress report received on Sunday, November 10, has it that on the same day, a 23-year-old and a 25-year-old natives of Okemesi-Ekiti went to River Osun Ajindo/Ido-Ile road to swim alongside two of their friends who came from Lagos State to attend a burial ceremony which took place at Okemesi.

"The four young men unfortunately got drowned. Their bodies have been recovered and deposited in the morgue, while investigation is underway."