# Ondo poly student drowns while swimming in river

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Olagundoye Oladotun

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A student of the Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Olagundoye Oladotun, has drowned in a river at Igbekebo, the headquarters of the Ese Odo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The HND 2 Mathematics undergraduate was said to have gone to Igbekebo for the burial of his friend's father on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

According to a source, the deceased went to the river with the friend, identified only as Gboyega, and some others, to swim, when he died in the river.

He said, "He (Oladotun) and some of his friends went to the river, but he was the only one that put off his clothes and jumped into the river. After some time, he could not come up again."

The source added that the corpse of the victim was found by the Marine Police in the town four days after the incident.

It was gathered that Gboyega and three other friends had been arrested and detained at the Special Investigative Bureau of the Ondo State Police Command for interrogation.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Femi Joseph, confirmed the incident, adding that the command had commenced investigation.

He said, "The report we have is that the deceased followed his friend to a jetty in the town and he put off his clothes and jumped into the river. He told his friend that he was a good swimmer. But some hours after he dived into the river, he did not come up. His lifeless body floated in the river after four days of intense search. His friends are helping with investigation and autopsy would be conducted on the body."

The PPRO noted that there was no foul play suspected in the death of the polytechnic student.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been deposited in the morgue of the Ondo State Government Hospital, Ode Irele.