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Easter tragedy: Teenagers drown in Lagos beach

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Two teenagers, identified simply as Dare and Fawas, reportedly drowned on Saturday at a community beach in Epelemeje Orofun, Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victims defied the stay-at-home order to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic by leaving their place of residence in the area to swim in the water.

While swimming, it was learnt that the duo drowned and emergency responders had been making efforts to recover their remains.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Bala Elkana, said in a statement on Sunday that immediately a distress call was received, the marine police team was dispatched in the area, adding that the state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, urged parents to monitor the movement of their children during the lockdown.

Elkana stated, “On Saturday, April 11, 2020, around 3pm, the police received a distress call that one Dare, 16, and Fawas, 15, both residents of the Epelemeje Orofun community, Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki, allegedly got drowned while playing at the community beach.

“The command deployed its marine police team in the area on search and rescue operation. The command advised parents to monitor their children and ensure that they remain at home during this lockdown period.”