

Residents confused over drowning of 17-year-old girl in Kwara

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A 17-year-old girl, on Thursday, drowned in the Asa River at the Harmony Holdings Estate, Kulende area, Ilorin, Kwara State capital.

The victim, whose identity had not been ascertained as of the time of filing this report, was brought out dead by personnel of the state fire service.

Our correspondent, who visited the scene, gathered that none of the residents of the area could explain how the victim got to the river or how the incident happened.

The Head of Media and Publicity, Kwara State Fire Service, Hakeem Adekunle, who described the incident as unfortunate, said the girl's corpse had been handed over to the 'D' Division Police Station, Kulende.

Adekunle said in a statement, "A girl of about 17 drowned in the Asa River by the Harmony Estate Bridge, Kulende area of Ilorin. The state fire service was alerted to the incident through a telephone call around 1.09pm today (Thursday).

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“It was pathetic that the victim was brought out dead by firemen and her corpse was handed over to the DPO of the ‘E’ Division, Kulende Estate.

“The Director, Kwara State Fire Service, Prince Falade Olumuyiwa, sympathises with the family of the victim and prays to God to give them the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.”