

# Police avert bloody violence in Oyo

•As man, 25 dies in hotel's swimming pool

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**W**hat could have resulted in a bloody violence and destruction of property was last night averted by policemen at Awe town, in the Afijio Local Government Area of Oyo State, when aggrieved youths were said to be protesting the death of their colleague, a 25-year-old Abayomi Shittu inside the swimming pool of a hotel.

The incident, it was reliably gathered occurred

at a newly established five-star hotel in the community at about 6p.m on Wednesday when Abayomi, who was said to have been drunk went to swim at the adults pool.

Eyewitnesses hinted that when Abayomi's colleagues, who were also in the hotel observed that he was motionless in the swimming pool, the hotel officials were immediately alerted.

"An official of the hotel brought a machine to evacuate the water in the pool but could not work. Efforts to look for an alternative machine failed.

The water in the pool was eventually evacuated at about 10p.m when the lifeless body of Abayomi was found.

The Divisional Police Officer in the area command was said to have been alerted by the hotel official, who in swift response arrived the venue of the incident late in the night with armed policemen.

The timely arrival of the DPO and a youth leader in the community, Mr. Gbade Adesesan saved the situation from turning bloody, as the youths had already mo-

bilized for massive destruction in the hotel.

Some of the aggrieved youths complained that being a new hotel, the swimming pool lacked among other things divers, life jackets and inner tubes that could be used in evacuating the water whenever there was emergency.

The remains of the deceased was later deposited at the State Hospital mortuary.

The corpse was said to have been released to the deceased's family the following day and has since been buried according to Islamic injunctions.

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