

Yuletide: Boy, 20 drowns while having fun

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A yet-to-be identified young man has allegedly drowned at a popular beach in Abirika, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State.

The deceased, who is believed to be in his early twenties had gone to swim on the fateful day at the beach, which played host to an unprecedented number of fun seekers in the university town.

His lifeless body was discovered underneath the water by other fun seekers, who later dragged the corpse to the shore.

Although attempts were said to have been made to resuscitate the victim, the body, it was further gathered, had been underneath the water longer than necessary.

"People were swimming stepping on the body underneath the water without taking cognisance of the object until somebody raised the alarm that there was a lifeless body in the water.

"It was at this point that other people rushed to the scene and made concerted efforts to rescue the victim. Unfortunately, he was already dead as at the time he was brought out of the water," a source said.

According to the source, the circumstance that led to the drowning of the victim was not known, saying that it could not be established if the victim was a good swimmer.

"Nobody has come to identify him. So, it is difficult to state if he was good at swimming or not. Many people come here to have fun and it is not written on the forehead of each person if they can swim," the source stated.

Asked if the management of the resort has taken any step to trace the relatives of the deceased, the source informed that he was not aware if the handlers of the resort were even aware of the tragic incident.

"I heard that the corpse was deposited in the mortuary of one of the hospitals around the area but I did not notice any of the staff of the place when everybody gathered around the victim," he further stated.

Contacted, the acting Public Relations Officer of the Delta State Police Command, DSP Charles Muka said his office was yet to receive any report about the incident.