

Two students drown while swimming in Ekiti



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Two secondary schools students at the weekend lost their lives while swimming inside a river at Ureje area of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

The victims were students of Ado Grammar School located on Ado-Ijan Road.

A resident told journalists yesterday that the two students died inside a deeper portion of Ureje River, which stretches from Ajilosun and flows down to Odo Ado region of Ado-Ekiti.

The resident said about seven students scaled the fence when academic works were ongoing to swim in the river, while two of them got drowned.

“The academic works were ongoing when they left school. They went to the deeper side of Ureje River to swim. Two of them were trapped in the mud and died.

“One of the survivors said though four of them jumped into the river before sensing that the two victims were no longer swimming.

“Those on the river cliff had to run to a farmer working around the river. It was the man who called on some swimmers farming in the area to come and rescue two who were still afloat before bringing out those who were already dead,” the resident said.

The source added that the farmers later ran into the school compound about noon to report the incident to the teachers. This was

said to have evoked cries and wailings among the staff and students.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Caleb Ikechukwu, said the bodies of the students had been deposited in the morgue.

He said: “We learnt the students went to the river to swim and got drowned. Their bodies had been taken to the mortuary.”

Ikechukwu said other students who were part of the swimming expedition would help the police in conducting thorough investigation into the pathetic incident.

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