

# Boy Drowns in River, Another Rescued

**T**ragedy struck Wednesday in Tolu area of Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Area of Lagos State when a teenage boy got drowned in a river. The incident threw the entire community into mourning.

The deceased identified as Monsuru Abdulateef, was said to have fell into the river from a canoe at Tolu along with his friend, Lateef Salami.

Some witnesses alleged that the deceased and his friend were among passengers in the canoe and were

on their way home from Tin Can Island before the unfortunate incident occurred.

Though, Lateef Salami was rescued, Monsuru was not as lucky as his body was later fished out from the murky waters of the river by some fisher men who were among the rescue team.

Police source at the Tolu Police Station where the incident was reported claimed that the corps of the deceased had been deposited at the Lagos General Hospital mortuary while the second victim who was rescued was also admitted at the intensive

care unit of the hospital. Police said that they received a report at 11am yesterday that two persons fell into the river.

Upon the receipt of the information, a team of policemen led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) raced to the scene. At the scene, the source alleged that the police team joined the others in the rescue operation.

“One of the victims was rescued alive shortly after the arrival of the police while it took them several hours before the lifeless body of the second person was recovered” he added.