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Pastor drowns during baptism

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There was pandemonium in Ojota area of Lagos on Saturday morning as a pastor was allegedly swept away by sea tide and drowned during a baptism session.

Pastor Emmanuel Olayiwola of World Evangelism Church, Ogudu, Ojota, was reportedly swept away by water while attempting to baptise a new convert identified as Anita Osakwe.

The deceased pastor had early Saturday gone to a place called "Ori Oke Sand Field" in Ogudu area with a co-pastor identified as Abram Sam when the incident occurred. The police in the state have since arrested the new convert and the other pastor in the course of investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that it took the effort of marine policemen from the state police command and divers a few hours before the remains of the drowned pastor could be recovered.

The death of the cleric threw the entire beach side into a state of confusion as fun seekers and others seeking spiritual help deserted the area following the incident.

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