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14-yr-old boy drowns in Osun river

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OSOGBO —Tragedy struck in Osogbo, Sunday evening, when a 14-year-old boy identified as Sefiu Sikiru got drowned in the Osun River while fishing.

According to eye witness, the boy and two of his friends visited the river around 2 p.m on fishing expedition when the incident occurred.

It was learnt that the boy armed with hook, thread and a stick was pull inside by a particular big fish inside the river.

On getting to the middle of the river, the boy got drowned and when his friends noticed it, they took to their heels, leaving Sikiru to his fate.

But one Saheed Buhari of Dupe Aina Street behind Old Governor's Office heard the boy crying for help and immediately raised alarm.

Buhari also reported the incident at the Ataoja Police station from where men of the fire service in the state and local swimmers were invited on rescue mission. Unfortunately, the boy's body could not be rescued after a long search.

A top police source in the state who preferred anonymity confirmed the incident, saying that the boy has been washed away.

The source however urged the parents and guardians to always take proper care of their children so that they could desist from visiting River especially during this raining season when it is believed that it is full with water.