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2-year-old pupil killed by school proprietor's dogs

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A two-year-old pupil of Global Growth Academy, Amokpo, Umuanunwa, Nteje in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State has been eaten by 10 dogs belonging to the school's proprietor.

It was the boy's first day in school and he had strayed from his parent who was trying to complete his documentation in the school.

The incident led to tension in the community as members of the vigilante

group killed all the dogs. Parents hurriedly withdrew their children from the school on hearing of the tragic incident.

The school belonging to a UK returnee, Chinedu Oka, has been shut.

Findings by *Daily Trust on Sunday* showed that the dogs, trained and reared in the same compound where the school is situated, caught and dragged the boy to their pen where they feasted on him.

The aggrieved residents said rearing of dogs is prohibited in the community and the school's proprietor did not stop rearing the animals despite being warned.

The traditional Ruler of Nteje, Igwe

Roland Odegbo, said "The young man knows that we don't accommodate dogs in our community and he went ahead to surround himself with dogs despite warning from the community."

He said by the custom of the community, the proprietor has committed murder, adding that he has been handed over to the appropriate authorities and they would make sure that justice is served because the community does not condone evil.

"The youths have killed and burnt the dogs and we are in support of their actions," he said.