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## Two children found dead in Abakaliki stream

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**The** Ephuenyim village in Ndegu Okpuitumo community in Abakaliki Local Government Area of Ebonyi State was at the weekend thrown into confusion and tears as two female children of a peasant family of Mrs. Chinyere Nwangele were found dead in a shallow stream.

Worried by the incident, the state governor, Chief Martin Elechi and the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Maigari Dikko and Senator Chris Nwankwo visited the bereaved family to ascertain what could have led to the deaths.

In his account on the death of the children, Ibuchi Nwangele, (eight years old), Oruomachi Nwangele (two years old), the traditional ruler of the Ndegu Okpuitumo community, Eze Pius Nwangele told Governor Elechi and his team that the corpses of the two children were discovered at 8'Oclock in the night last Friday at a shallow stream in the village.

He explained that the community had undertaken intensive search of the children for some weeks when they were discovered to have disappeared.

The traditional ruler said the community suspected a foul play by the co-wife of the father of the children, one Mrs. Felicia Nwangele who had been having running battles with her co-wife and mother of the dead children.

The royal father disclosed that he had intervened many times in the family feud between the father of the children Mr. Christopher Nwangele and his two wives.

He said the matter took a twist when the first wife attempted to sell the second wife into slavery and had arranged thugs to beat up her husband.

The prime suspect, Mrs. Felicia Nwangele had been arrested by the police for interrogation and prosecution.

The Governor in his reaction expressed shock and anger at such death of the two children and assured that the state government would probe the deaths and unravel the circumstances behind the matter.

He said the mysterious deaths must be properly investigated to forestall reoccurrence of such.

Elechi directed the Commissioner of Police to ensure that autopsy was conducted and proper investigations carried out.

He made undisclosed cash donation to the grieving mother of the diseased children.

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