

Delta govt shuts school as cultists kill student, set principal's car, buildings ablaze

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Hospital in Kwale for treatment.

A female student of Ogume Grammar School, Ogume in Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State was killed, just as property worth millions of naira was destroyed when hoodlums invaded the school with different kinds of weapons last week.

Although no reason was given for the attack, the invaders, suspected to be cultists, attacked the principal before she was rushed to the General

The school's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Centre, principal's office, her car and the administration office, among others, were set ablaze by the cultists.

Meanwhile, the state government, on Wednesday, announced the immediate closure of the school until further notice following the attack.

The Commissioner for Secondary Education in the state, Mrs Rose Ezewu,

flanked by the member representing Ndokwa West constituency in the House of Assembly and House Committee Chairman on Education, Honourable Charles Emetulu, disclosed this in Asaba during a meeting held with leaders of Ogume community.

Mrs Ezewu said the decision of the state government to close the school was in the best interest of the community and the state in general, adding that it was designed to

guarantee the safety of teachers and students.

The commissioner lamented that buildings in the school and learning materials were razed by the hoodlums.

While calling on the community to bring the perpetrators to book in order to serve as deterrent to others, Mrs Ezewu urged leaders and all stakeholders in the community to show genuine commitment to rebuilding the school so as to encourage the state government.