

Nine-year-old Anambra pupil flogged to death buried, teacher bags 21 years jail

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THE nine-year-old pupil flogged to death by a teacher at the Landmark International School, Mgbakwu, Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State, has been buried in his home town, Igbakwu, in Ayamelum Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased, Mas-

ter Henry Chukwuemeka Okonkwo, died in the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital in Awka after being beaten to coma by the teacher, Mrs Faith Nwoye.

Commiserating with the Okonkwo family, Commissioner for Education, Prof Nguzi Chuma-Udeh, expressed heartfelt condolences for the heavy loss.

Chuma-Udeh, represented at the burial by the Director of Schools in the Ministry of Education, Mrs Ifeoma Onyeneke, regretted that one of the state's hopeful died in a manner that could have been avoided.

She noted that the deceased would not have died if he had been enrolled in an approved school with quali-

fied teachers.

She reminded residents of the state that Governor Chukwuma Soludo had declared criminal the operation of illegal school in the state.

Meanwhile, the teacher has been sentenced to 21 years imprisonment by a special court handling women and children related matters in Awka, the state capital.