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Disabled boy dies in school septic tank

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A seven-year-old physically- and mentally-challenged **boy** named Favour Eze died last Monday after falling into a **septic tank** at the National Orthopaedic Special **School** Igbobi, Lagos.

A source who spoke to SATURDAY PUNCH on the condition of anonymity, said Eze was brought to **school** that Monday morning by his mother, Mrs. Eze. A teacher identified as Iyabo Oseni, received Eze from the care of his mother.

"This is a **school** for special needs children and so the usual practice is to hand over children to the teachers present whenever they come before the assembly time. Eze was handed over to Oseni, who left him with a group of his mates that were playing outside their classroom," the source said, declining to mention the disability Eze had.

Eze was not missed until after assembly. "Usually, the assembly period lasts from 30 minutes to an hour and all this while, no one knew Eze was not present. It was after the children had gone into their classrooms and the roll call was being taken that Eze's class teacher Oseni Adekemi observed Eze was not in the class," the source said.

Adekemi was said to have inquired about Eze from her colleagues and was informed that Oseni had earlier received Eze from his mother. A search was immediately conducted for Eze around the **school** compound,

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but it proved unsuccessful. The source said, "When the teachers couldn't find Eze, some doubted he was ever in the **school** compound, but his food flask, which his mother brought with him, was there. They called his mum, who confirmed that she dropped Eze off at **school**, but no one thought to look in the **septic tank**, whose top was partly broken.

"It wasn't until the next day that Eze's father, after another fruitless search, suggested that the teachers break the **septic tank** when he noticed a hole on the top of it where it was broken." Eze was brought out dead from the nearly-filled **septic tank**.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Samuel Jinadu, said he had not been briefed of the incident when contacted by SATURDAY PUNCH.

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