

Baale's car kills seven-year school premises

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THE mother of a seven-year-old primary one pupil, Samuel Olayinka, says she has yet to get over the loss of her only son, days after he was crushed to death by the car of

a *baale* (traditional leader), Chief Spencer Savage.

It was learnt that Olayinka, a pupil of St. Kizito Primary School II, was playing with his friends on the premises of Fagba Junior Grammar School in Iju Station during

the closing hours when the accident happened.

The two schools and five others are located in the same compound.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Savage had driven into the secondary school premises around 3pm on October 7, and was reversing while trying to park not knowing that Olayinka was behind the car.

Our correspondent was told that Olayinka had been waiting since 1pm for his sister – who is in JSS 3 – at a neighbouring school, to take him home.

He was said to have been rushed to a private hospital in the area where he died.

The deceased's mother, who identified herself simply as Mama Mary, said her joy had been stolen. She, however, said she had taken solace in God.

She said, "I was surprised when I learnt he was playing, because he was a reserved child. Most times, I forced him to play at home; he was very calm. His sister normally goes to pick him when she closes from school at 3pm.

"There are supposed to be security guards at the school that regulate the vehicles entering the compound. He was attending a private

school before I withdrew him from there when I could no longer afford the fees.

"It was very painful but I have left everything to

God. It is a tragedy that I can never forget. I did not know how I got admitted in a hospital when I was told he had died. The *baale*



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