



Anambra commissioner mourns pupil flogged to death by teacher

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The Anambra State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Ngozi Chuma-Udeh, has mourned the death of a pupil of the Landmark International School, Mgbakwu in Awka North Local Government Area of the state, Master Henry Okonkwo, who was reportedly beaten to coma by a teacher.

Our correspondent gathered that the boy gave up the ghost in the early hours of Wednesday.

PUNCH Metro had reported that a 30-year-old teacher at the school, Faith Nwoye, was arrested for allegedly flogging the eight-year-old pupil into a coma on Monday.

Nwoye had earlier been invited by Chuma-Udeh to explain what led to the brutalisation of the child on Monday, May 20, 2024.



Chuma-Udeh had expressed sadness over the development, lamenting that the chances of the victim's survival, according to a medical doctor, in admission were 20 per cent.

She said the school was running illegally describing the development as a crime running an illegal school in the state as well as beating a child, the commissioner warned that perpetrators were doing so at their peril.

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The teacher was invited alongside the Proprietor of the school in which the incident happened, Mrs Promise Ilo.

The teacher who admitted to flogging the child, however, stated that the flogging was not as severe as the picture was painted.

The matter was handed over to the police for an investigation, while the child was in the intensive care unit of the hospital, from where he later gave up the ghost in the early hours of Wednesday, May 23, 2024.

Taking to her verified Facebook wall on Thursday, the commissioner lamented the death of the boy, saying he was a boy like any other, with hopes and aspirations.

She wrote, "He was a boy like any other, with hopes and aspirations. He went to school for a better future but met a gruesome death at the hands of the people who were supposed to help him achieve his life ambition.

"A quack teacher in an illegal school bludgeoned him to death. We mourn a life nipped in the bud! We mourn Henry Chukwuemeka Okonkwo! We mourn and we seek justice!"

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