

# Tragic! Flood sweeps away 2-yr-old kid, first day at school

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**T**he hope of fulfilling a life ambition of acquiring education by a two and half year old kid, Samuel Oluwadamilare started and ended in his first day in school as flood washed him away around the school compound in Owo town, Ondo State following the recent three days of heavy downpour in the state.

The incident, which happened last Monday, threw the school authority and parents into confusion when the mother of the late kid came to pick him after the school hour and he could not be found.

The mother of the late kid, Mrs Morenike Oluwadamilare was said to have defied the heavy rain on Monday morning to take the kid to a private nursery and primary school along Asolo street at Ehi-

nogbe area of Owo, registered him with the school to start attending class immediately.

Confusion, however, broke out in the afternoon when Mrs Oluwadamilare came to pick her child after school hours and discovered that he could not be found among other new pupils kept in two classrooms.

The woman was said to have raised the alarm which led the management of the school to organise a search party, an effort that ended in futility after several hours. The search party, however, continued its efforts the following morning (Tuesday) when the rain subsided and in the process the lifeless body of the kid was found in a stream close to the school.

Pandemonium broke out when the sad news got to the town as parents and guardians trooped out and stormed the school to pick their children and wards.

The father of the late kid, Mr Bode Oluwadamilare described the incident as pathetic and an act of God, saying only Him could console his family.

His wife, however, blamed the death of her only child on negligence on the part of the school management which, according to her, allowed the kid to leave the school premises when they were supposed to have taken adequate steps to prevent any child from going outside the school compound.

Efforts to speak with the proprietress of the school did not yield the desired result as most of the staff of the school refused to give out her phone number.

Confirming the incident, the state police spokesman, Wole Ogo-do, who described the situation as pathetic, blamed it on lapses of the school authorities. He said the police was already investigating the matter.



• Samuel