

school authority has levied all the students in preparation for the burial of the deceased.

Town crier murdered in Ebonyi

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IGBUDU community, Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State was thrown into panic following the murder of the town crier of the community, Sunday Nwali by a suspected gang of cultists operating in the area. Nwali was allegedly stabbed to death by a gang of young men in the area allegedly led by a former head of the village.

It was further gathered that Nwali met his untimely death at the community pond, the only source of water in the area where he was attacked by the gang allegedly working on the instruction of the former village head.

An eyewitness told *Daily Sun* that the pond became dirty and the village head, Joseph Nweke asked the deceased who was the town crier to alert the community through his local metal gong and inform the people to come out and clean the pond on that fateful day.

"The village head mandated Sunday Nwali to head a committee of four that would go to the various villages and sound the gong to inform them that everybody should come out, for them to clean up the pond.

"The decision of the village head to summon the people did not go down well with the former village head (names withheld) and his gang as they went to force late Sunday and the committee members to rescind the order given to them by the village head but they refused, insisting that it was the village head that authorized them to sound the gong.