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8-yr-old girl drowns in Nsukka

Tragedy struck in Nsukka, Nsukka Local Government Area, when an eight-year-old girl drowned in a flood following a downpour on Friday.

A source who pleaded for anonymity, told Sunday Sun that the victim, Ezinne Eze, a pupil of Model Pri-

mary School, Nsukka, was sent to throw away used baby diapers by the mother at a gully erosion site close to the house when the little girl slipped and fell into the flooded gully and

drowned before help could reach her.

"The little girl had thrown the used pampers into the gully flood and tried to scoop water from the flood with her hand, to wash her slippers, when she slipped into the gully and drowned.

"After about one hour the mother started looking for Ezinne, whom she erroneously thought had stopped over to play with other children after

throwing the used diapers away. After asking some of Ezinne's playmates and they said they had not seen her daughter, she raised the alarm," the source said.

It was then that co-tenants and neighbours joined in the search for the girl, which lasted through Friday night. The following morning, the corpse of the girl was discovered in another part of the gully erosion site where she threw the diapers.

"Some of us did not sleep last night as we were moving from one area to another as the mother of Ezinne was crying uncontrollably. Only God knows what happened as it was not the first time the deceased had thrown away waste at the gully site," he said.

When Sunday Sun visited the family compound, it was found to be as quiet as a graveyard with the co-tenants wearing a very sad look.

There was heavy rain in Nsukka town on Friday, which started around 2.30 pm and continued until 9pm. It was gathered that late Ezinne was the first child of the parents.

Efforts to speak with the father of late Ezinne, Mr Peter Eze, was unsuccessful as he was said to have taken the remains of his daughter home for burial in his hometown Enugu-Ezike in Igboeze-North LGA of Enugu State.

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