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Imo students protest school boy's killing, vandalise suspect's house, cars, school

Students of Urban Development Secondary School, located at area N World Bank Area of Owerri, Imo State, have taken to the streets to protest the killing of one of them, Paul Victor.

Victor, 16, died on Thursday at the Imo State Specialists Hospital in

Umuguma, Owerri, where he was rushed on Monday following gunshot injuries he sustained while trying to retrieve football he was playing with his mates at the school.

The security man in the school, Elisha Ogbu told a newsmen on Friday that a lawyer, Donald Mba-

mah, who shares a fence with the school, allegedly shot the deceased while he was playing football with his mates at the school premises.

Narrating what happened, the security man said: "The boy was playing football with his mates and their football fell into a neighbor's compound. The boy climbed on top of the fence of the school and from there he was begging the man to please give him the ball."

"Instead of the man to return the ball to the school children who were training ahead of their inter house sports football final match next Thursday, the man went inside his house and brought out a gun. On seeing the gun, the boy turned but the man shot him two times in his buttocks."

"You can see the blood stains here. The boy was rushed to a hospital and he died on Thursday. The man has been threatening students, teachers and principal of the school. He never releases any ball that falls into his compound."

On learning that their mate had died, the students on Friday grouped, went to the man's house and vandalised it.

They also went to the suspect's private school known as Per Excellence School and vandalised it.

Police rescue abducted Rev Father, recover SUV in Anambra

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The combined team of the Anambra State Police Command and the State Vigilante Services yesterday secured the release of Rev Fr Stephen Echezona who was kidnaped by gunmen at Ichida in Anaocha Local Government Area.

The Rev Father was kidnaped at Ichida by the gunmen who operated with a Lexus SUV vehicle, but luck ran out for them when based on a tip off, security operatives went after them and secured the release of the priest.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer SP Tochikwu Ikenga: "In the early hours of today, March 23rd, 2025, a Joint Security team comprising the Police, Military, Civil Defence, AVG Ichida,

and Ihiala respectively secured the release of Rev. Father Stephen Echezona at Ihiala. The priest was returned unharmed.

"The victim was abducted at a fuel station in Ichida where a joint security force had a gun duel with the armed criminals operating in a white Lexus SUV without plate number.

"The assailants abandoned the white Lexus and in a bid to flee the scene due to the superior fire power of the Joint Security Team, fled the scene and held the Rev. Father hostage. The Operatives also recovered the white Lexus vehicle.

"In a coordinated hot chase by the operatives, different security checkpoints and security operatives in the state were alerted which resulted in the criminals abandoning the priest at Ihiala and escaping through a nearby bush."