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| <b>Title:</b>                   | <b>3 children died due to dog bite, take year's toll to 9 in district Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh</b> |                |                          |   |
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Three kids were mauled to death by stray dogs in Khairabad town of Sitapur district on Tuesday morning. The incident has taken the number of children killed in attacks by dogs in the region to nine this year. The three children — aged below 12 — stayed in a cluster of villages where ferocious stray dogs have claimed at least nine kids' lives till date. However, villagers — who are struggling to fend off the dogs on a daily basis — claim the death toll to be 14.

Around 6am on Tuesday, Shyamli Nath (11), a resident of Tikari village, had stepped out to relieve herself when she was attacked and killed by stray dogs in the fields. The canines then mauled to death Khalid Ali (12), a native of neighbouring Gurpalia village, when he had gone to collect mangoes from his father's orchard.

While Khairabad police and local administration were attending to the two cases, they were informed of a similar death around 9am. At Kolia, about 1.5km from Gurpalia, a pack of dogs had killed Komal (8). Her body was also found in a mango orchard. The stray dog menace has resurfaced after six weeks, said villagers. "We were earlier worried about wild animals like tigers and leopards, but nowadays we seek help even on spotting a pack of dogs."

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