

Generator fumes kill six family members in Rivers

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Members of the Ogale community in the Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State were thrown into shock and mourning after a family of six reportedly died from suspected inhalation of generator fumes.

Our correspondent learnt on Monday that the victims included the father, mother, and their children.

Following the incident, the Rivers State Police Command said it has launched an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the generator ran throughout the night until Sunday morning, when neighbours raised the alarm.

A source in the community, who pleaded anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said the family was preparing to return to Port Harcourt after the holidays before tragedy struck.

The source said, “They were found dead in various positions. It is a very unfortunate incident, and we are calling on the police to conduct a proper investigation.”

The incident was first reported by a Facebook user, Destiny John, who wrote, “A black Sunday indeed. Six died on the spot.”

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“How will I explain to you all that this entire family died on the spot in Ogale today? No sickness. Oh God, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end.”

When contacted, the spokesperson for the State Police Command, Grace Inging-Koko, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday afternoon.

Inging-Koko stated, “Yes, I can confirm the incident. From the information I received, the generator was inside the living room because they were afraid it would be stolen. Investigation is ongoing.”

This is not the first time lives have been lost due to fumes emitted from generators, raising renewed concerns over the need for caution and stricter regulations.

In 2019, at least 10 guests attending a traditional wedding in Imo State died after inhaling generator fumes.

According to a report by *PUNCH Metro*, the incident occurred at Umuomumu Mbieri in the Mbaitoli Local Government Area of the state.