

Mystery fire kills mother, son

Tragedy struck at ancient town of Ikorodu early this week at mid night fire claimed the lives of a middle aged mother and son.

Mr Ngozi Owanso and her 12-year old primary pupil son were burnt to death following fire that gutted their house.

As at press time,

properties worth hundreds of thousands of naira were destroyed by the fire.

At the Ayenibadejo Samsondeen road, Sabo, Ikorodu, where the incident occurred, sympathisers including wailers and mourners besieged the place to mourn the deceased.

People, particularly men used their handkerchief to

fight back tears while local excavators were busy clearing the debris with a view to bringing out the charred bodies of mother and son.

The mother and son were said to have gone to bed when their two room apartment caught fire burning the deceased as well as their properties.

One of the wailers told *Daily Champion* that Ngozi was a good and caring woman.

She said that Ngozi was hale and hearty before she went to bed, adding that the fire started from a shop in the house.

According to her, the fire might have been caused by fluctuating electricity in the area.

Confirming the incident, police spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni said "there was a report at Ikorodu Police Station that a two room and shop apartment block at Samsondeen road was razed by fire in a yet to be determined circumstance."

Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police (DSP) however confirmed the dead of the duo, describing it as a monumental tragedy. He expressed sympathy to the bereaved family.

The police spokesman said the charred bodies have been deposited at the Morgue for autopsy.

30 robbery suspects arrested

The Lagos State Police Command said it has arrested 30 armed robbery suspects within the week.

The robbery suspects were arrested in various parts of the metropolis.

Police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said the suspects were arrested by detectives from anti-robbery section of State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti Yaba.

According to him a break down of the numbers shows that about seven were from Shomolu, five from Okoko-maiko, 13 from Lagos Island etc.

Ojajuni said that "on June 11, 2006 at about 3 pm, a team of anti-robbery policemen attached to Shomolu police station on patrol along Ikorodu road sighted a commercial volkswagen mini bus with registration number XU 617 Kia with restive occupants wailing in distress".

He said that on sighting

the team, the hoodlums in the bus fired gun shot into the air to scare the police.

Ojajuni a deputy superintendent of police said the team chased and arrested four persons viz Gabriel Oluwaseunsi, Biodun Ibrahim, Biodun Akinbanmi and Maculay Busayo of no fixed address.

Also Ojajuni said "on June 11, 2006 at about 2.30 pm, a team of anti-robbery policemen arrested three armed robbers namely Friday Moses, Ifeanyi Maduka and Biodun Ariyo operating on motor cycle, (Okada).

He said that locally made guns were recovered from them.

Ojajuni warned robbers to flee from the state noting that the police are prepared to tackle them. He noted that no stone would be left unturned in crushing the culprits in the state.