


Couple, 5 children die in generator tragedy

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TRAGEDY struck in Ijegan, Ikotun, Lagos yesterday as a couple and five children died in their sleep after inhaling carbon monoxide emitted from

a generating set.

Daily Champion learnt however that a man identified as Chukwudi who was on a visit to the family when the incident occurred survived. He is currently

receiving medical attention at Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASU), Ikeja.

Our correspondent learnt that trouble started when the couple switched on the generating set and forgot to

put it off before going to sleep.

A witness who pleaded for anonymity said the family, following persistent power failure, in the area bought a generating set to enable them power their

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two room apartment.

According to him, the couple and children slept and gradually inhaled the carbon monoxide which suffocated them, adding the neighbours found out that the victims were unconscious and raised alarm which attracted others at about 6.30 am.

He added that the entire family including husband and wife were unconscious apparently, due to carbon monoxide they inhaled.

Our correspondent also learnt that neighbours immediately rushed the victims to hospital for urgent medical attention but they later died at the hospital after few hours of admission.

The father of the deceased children identified as Innocent and his wife were said to have died before their children.

Confirming the incident, Lagos State Police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said the incident, which he described as tragic, occurred at Oluwale Lawson Street, Ijegan, Ikotun.

According to the Superintendent of Police "One Innocent Orukpe was found unconscious with his family of six, apparently due to carbon monoxide they inhaled from exhaust of their generating set".

Ojajuni said, policemen on hearing the incident, raced to the scene and assisted neighbours in rushing the victims to the hospital where

they later died.

He noted that victims were rushed to (LASUTH) Ikeja for medical attention, adding that the husband, wife and children died at the hospital within few

hours of admission.

He also confirmed a man who was on friendly visit to the family is in critical condition, adding that police have begun investigations into the matter.

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Agagu

of the tribunal.

"We know that Agagu is a desperate man who will stop at nothing to ensure that the daylight robbery he and his party carried out on April 14 and April 21 elections in Ondo State is legitimized. "Hence the need to alert the people of this state on this latest move to subvert the people's wish once and for all by resorting to underhand means. We are aware that members of the tribunal are people of high integrity who will not be swayed for whatever amount of money.

They are aware of the stern warnings of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Legbo Kutiji and other eminent jurists in the nation who have warned on the need for members of the Election Petition Tribunals to be above board."

Specifically, CSDN commended the Ondo Election Petition Tribunal for a job well-done so far saying: "from the little they have done since they commenced sittings in Akure, the Justice Nabaruma Tribunal is, no doubt, made up of highly conscientious judges who are bent on doing a thorough and

"We want to let the whole world know that plans have been concluded to pervert justice by the Ondo State government under Dr Agagu by giving a whopping N1 billion to the members of the Election Petition Tribunal which has already commence sitting in the State. This dastardly plan by Agagu and his henchmen was hatched at a meeting inside the Government House last weekend and they are about to carry it out by using a highly respected judge whom they had contacted to link members