

Woman roasted in Nnewi

JUSTIN OZUZU, *Nnewi*

TRAGEDY struck on Tuesday in Nnewi, Anambra state as fire suspected to have been caused by electrical appliances roasted one Mrs Ogochukwu Nwaburo.

The incident which took place along Ukpokor road in Inyaba Ngo Umudim in Nnewi North Local Government Area of Anambra state is said to have started at about 1.00am which prompted the deceased into rescuing her four children from the inferno.

According to sources, the deceased is said to be watching a home video on her television set with her children when power suddenly went off, and unfortunately they did not remember to turn off their appliances before going to bed. However, the light came back and affected one of the electrical appliances that subsequently set the whole building ablaze.

The fire outbreak which ravaged the entire building for several hours without any significant solution from the neighbourhood also destroyed the entire building, property and cash of the helpless woman worth millions of naira.

It was learnt that as soon as the victim noticed the fire, she quickly rescued her children and removed most of her valuables

including a motorcycle, but got trapped in the inferno on remembering another precious valuable which she quickly dashed into the fast burning six-bedroom before she met her untimely death.

When *Daily Champion* visited the scene of the inferno about 9.am

yesterday, part of the building was still on fire as an ambulance carrying a casket with the inscription Anuri Ambulance Nnewi was seen inside the premises waiting for the next directive.

Sympathisers were seen in groups at the scene of the incident discussing the

tragic incident. The husband of the victim, Mr. Cyprian Nwaburo, who is a trader was said to have travelled yesterday on a business trip to Calabar before the unfortunate incident, and has been communicated on the tragedy for his immediate return so as to

either bury the victim or take the remains to the mortuary.

It was also gathered that the matter has been officially reported to the Area C Police Station for formality purposes and proper documentation.

NDLEA, police trade words over drug suspect

Alphonsus Nweze, *Onitsha*

AN Indian hemp suspect alleged to be a police personnel has escaped from police detention in Onitsha, fueling speculation of foul play within the Awada Police Station where the suspect was detained.

However, the driver of the vehicle and the 101kg drug have been handed over to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Onitsha Anambra Command.

However, commander of NDLEA in Anambra State, Mr. Ibrahim Abdul confirmed that the police told him that the principal suspect has escaped but they handed over the driver and Indian hemp to NDLEA. He said that they are also yet to take possession of the alleged police vehicle from police.

But the state police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Mr. Fidelia Agbo denied that the suspect escaped from Police cell, stating that all the suspects including the alleged

police vehicle have been handed over to the NDLEA in Onitsha.

A vehicle carrying weeds said to be Indian hemp had an accident and somersaulted in front of All Hallows Seminary after a hot pursuit by another police vehicle.

The vehicle in the process killed a seminarian attached to Father Tansi Major Seminary, Onitsha and injured another and the occupants.

Daily Champion gathered that when sympathisers came to the scene, they realised that the weed were Indian hemp and they called men of NDLEA, Onitsha, but before they could come, the police from Awada Police Station had carried the suspects and the substance.

The suspects, *Daily Champion* learnt were taken to hospital for treatment but at the hospital, the operatives of the NDLEA were told by police men in one of the visits to monitor the suspects that the principal suspect has escaped.

However, it was learnt that the the Divisional Police

Officer of Awada Police Station with other officers involved, have been queried and transferred by the state commissioner of police, Mr. Oliver Osuckwukwu, who was obviously embittered by the development.

Meanwhile, NDLEA in the state last Tuesday arraigned eight suspects arrested with various drugs and psychotropic substances.

Ibrahim said that eight were among the twelve major suspects found with huge volume of the drugs totaling about 620.275kg.

He said that out of the eight arraigned at the Federal High Court, Enugu, the three suspects with highest volume of drugs were Faith Agobegbe 192.8kg, Amechi Njoko 175.7kg Godwin Ido, 101kg.

He said that in all, the Command arrested 150 suspects but only twelve were carrying high volume of the substances, saying that the remaining will undergo NDLEA counseling.

PAN plans in Ana

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PEUGEOT Automobile Company of Nigeria (PAN) is to establish its garage in Anambra State as a measure of appreciation, the patronage it has been enjoying from the Anambra state Government.

Managing Director of the group, Alhaji Aliyu kakumi, who announced this in Awka when he led the Management team of PAN to pay a courtesy call on the Governor of Anambra State said the company is ready to collaborate with the State in any respect and that they are ready to start building a Garage immediately, "in view of the support from Anambra by way of patronage."

Alhaji Kakumi, revealed that Peugeot now makes 22 cars in a day as against 340 it was making in 1975 when the Automobile Assembly plant built in 1972 started operation. He said the management of the company is making efforts to increase local content to 20 per cent and eventually to 80 per cent with planned phasing out of peugeot 406 in 2008 and the introduction of 307, Sedan.