

LUKKEY ABAWURU

Generator fume kills brother, sister

TRAGEDY struck yesterday at Olabode Street, Ikotun in Alimosho Local Government of Lagos, as a brother and his sister died after allegedly inhaling fumes from a generator set.

Daily Champion gathered that the victims, who resided with their in-law, identified as Famoyewa Oyewe, at Ikotun were found unconscious in the morning after purportedly inhaling the fumes last Saturday.

A police source said the in-law woke up from sleep and found the duo lying on the floor, unconscious.

The source who pleaded for anonymity said the in-law, however, rushed them to Igando General hospital in their unconscious state but they were already dead before help could come their ways. They were allegedly confirmed dead by the medical doctors on duty at the hospital.

However an eyewitness said the victims identified as Kazeem (13) and Sherifat, (11) used the generator set to watch an undisclosed film at night and forgot to put it off before sleeping.

He said that the in-law left

the deceased in the sitting room and slept inside his bedroom without knowing that the children did not switch off the generator set.

According to him, the in-law had severally warned them not to watch late night movies including pornographic films but the duo ignored the advice.

Lagos State police spokesman Mr. Frank Mba, who confirmed the incident said police are investigating the case to find out whether the deceased actually died as a result of the alleged inhaling

of the fumes or otherwise.

Mba, a Superintendent of Police (SP), said doctors at the Igando General hospital have confirmed them dead, adding that autopsy will confirm the cause of death.

He said detectives from State Criminal Investigation Department SCID, Panti Yaba have begun detail investigations into the matter saying:

"It is highly suspected that both died of generator fumes but investigations would prove better."