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**Nigeria: Generator Fumes Kill Mum, Daughter in Ibadan**

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Ibadan — A 47-year-old woman, her 12-year-old daughter and her unnamed cousin were found dead in their one room apartment at Itamaya area of Ibadan early Tuesday morning as they reportedly died of inhaling fumes from their generator.

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The late Mrs Tawa Alabede, a popular alcohol joint operator in the locality had returned from her shop with her daughter Sukura, and Wuraola, her cousin at about 11.00 p.m on Monday night and went asleep leaving on the generator set.

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However, the neighbours only woke up in the morning and found their corpses in the early hours of Tuesday.

It was weeping and wailing in the entire Itamaya area following the tragedy.

A source said Tawa had put on the generating set immediately she returned home from her shop with her daughter and went to bed. "But we were alerted because she didn't wake up early enough to put off the generator the following day as was the practice. We knocked her door severally. There was no response. We then decided to break the window. And that was when we found out that she was dead," a resident in the neighbourhood told journalists who besieged the place yesterday.

He said while Tawa and her daughter, Sukura were already dead as at the time the neighbours broke into the window of her room, her cousin, Wuraola was still struggling with her life, as she was seen gasping for breath with foam on her mouth.

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Wuraola was quickly rushed to Oni Memorial Hospital at Ring-road area of the city, where she eventually gave up the ghost. It was gathered that Wuraola on admission at the Out-Patient Department (OPD) of the hospital was immediately placed on life support but less than 24 hours after she was admitted, she passed on in the early hours of Wednesday.



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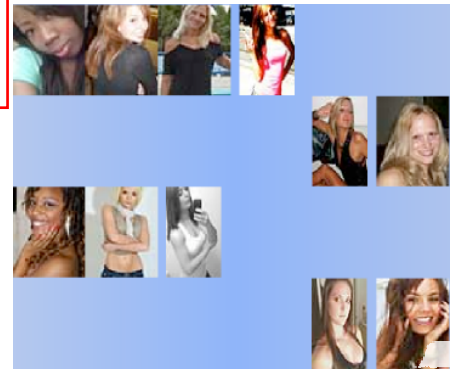
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Meanwhile, the neighbours had alerted the police at the Central Police Station, Iyaganku, Ibadan over the incident and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge, Mr. Teslim Ogunmefun thereafter mobilised a team of policemen to the area to ascertain the true situation of things. The lifeless bodies of Tawa and her daughter were later deposited at a mortuary shortly they were discovered by the neighbours.

At Oni Memorial Hospital where Wuraola was rushed to for medical attention, a doctor refused comments on the incident.

The DPO in charge of the Central Police Station, Iyaganku, who led the police rescue team, Mr. Teslim Ogunmefun told newsmen that it was too early to comment on the deaths just as he promised that the police would investigate to a logical conclusion the cause of the unfortunate incident. He however advised people to desist from putting on generators wherever it would be difficult for adequate ventilation.

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