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[Nigeria: Generator Explosion Kills Two Kids](#)

Yahaya Ibrahim

19 April 2010

Maiduguri — Thirty-five year old Idowu Sikiru and his wife, Rashida residing in Abuja Talakawa area of Maiduguri lost two children in a generator explosion on Saturday evening.

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The couple also sustained serious injuries when they tried to rescue the kids and are currently receiving treatment at the emergency unit of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital. The children, 4 year old Sikiru and two year old Shuhu were sleeping at the veranda when the generator exploded and fire spread to them, burning part of the apartment.

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Katimi Ahmed, a witness said, "The man (Idowu) came back from work with a gallon of petrol and put on his generator. The next thing we heard was an explosion and a part of their apartment was on fire. The couple were inside, leaving the kids at the veranda. They quickly came out to assist the children. I quickly alerted other neighbours who assisted in quenching the fire and took the couple to hospital".

One of the kids was said to have died immediately while the other died at the early hours of Sunday.

When our reporter visited the couple at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, they were in critical condition.

When the Borno State Police Public Relations Officer was contacted on phone yesterday he said he had not received any information on the incident since it was weekend.

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