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## Generator smoke kills 3, puts one in coma in Imo

Sunday, 06 February 2011 00:00 John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri

A generator smoke which produces carbon monoxide has killed a family of three and put one in coma at Amato No 5 Bus Stop Naked in Owerri West council area of Imo state.

The incident occurred in the early hours of last Friday when Mrs.Stela Okoroji went to bed with three of her children, two daughters Ogechi and, Kasarachi and a son Kingsely Okoroji but did not wake up the following day.

A tenant living with the deceased, Mrs Chidima Amarachi, told Sunday Trust that the family died as a result of smoke that oozed from the family's new generator set and filtered into the rooms they were sleeping.

She said that her neighbours had last Thursday, a night before going to bed put on their generator set as usual and did not know that the generator was not properly positioned.

Amarachi stated that they woke up the next morning to discover that their neighbors were still sleeping while the generator was still steaming, not knowing that they were dead.

According to her, it was discovered that the people were dead through someone who went to plug his hand sets for charging, raised alarm.

The situation prompted people to break the back door to enable them take out the bodies to the mortuary, while the only child surviving was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri for medical attention.

The caretaker of the home, Mr Samuel Ijeoma, when contacted, confirmed the story and described the incident as unfortunate.

He said that three of the his tenants died on the spot while a female child among them Kasarach Okoroji was still breathing when people broke into the house and has being taken to hospital for treatment.

Ijeoma said that he quickly reported the matter to the Local Government Divisional Police Headquarters, Umuguma, who came and assisted in conveying the corpses to the mortuary.

When contacted the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Imo State Command, Mr Linus Nwaiwu, said that he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

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