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Another kerosene explosion victim dies in Warri

THE number of deaths arising from last week's kerosene explosion in Warri, Delta State increased on Saturday as another victim, Julomi Ejewino, aged nine years, died at the Warri Central Hospital.

She suffered severe burns when her In-law, Okiemute, lit a match stick to light a lantern.

Julomi had initially responded well to treatment, but her condition deteriorated at the weekend when she was declared critical and died afterwards.

Also, six old cases have been referred to the Warri

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Central Hospital from Ughelli, Effurn-Otor and Mechanic Village in the outskirts of Warri.

However, the hospital officials disclosed at the weekend that the number of fresh cases from kerosene explosion had dwindled.

Meanwhile, suspected hoodlums are still selling various types of substances in the name of kerosene at some parts of

Warri.

Residents are miffed that despite Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan's order asking security agencies to root out all the sources of the "killer kerosene" in Warri and environs, hoodlums were still openly selling the commodity at Warri Garage, Igbudu, Effurun, Ogorikoko and other parts of the metropolis.

The hawkers line up jerry cans of unknown substances at the Cemetery junction by Mobil

filling station and sell to the public.

A letter allegedly written to the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) by some concerned Warri residents and signed by one Moses Aboh expressed shock that despite the havoc the kerosene explosions were wrecking in homes, the security agencies and the DPR were yet to raid the sources of the killer substance in the town.

Aboh said hoodlums could still be found at various spots in the city selling substances said to be petroleum products, unmolested.