

Two die from kerosene explosion in Ibadan

RESIDENTS of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital are now living in fear over the circulation of adulterated kerosene in the city.

Already, two persons, a teenager and a 40-year old housewife have died from explosions suspected to be caused by adulterated kerosene. Five others are said to be in critical condition at the Intensive Care Unit of the University College Hospital (UCH).

The fake kerosene, said to

*From Iyabo Lawal,
Ibadan*

be distributed around Olodo, Monatan and Iyana Church areas of Ibadan has affected five families in the areas.

The explosion, *The Guardian* learnt occurred while the victims were trying to refill their lanterns in their homes and had to be rushed to the hospital.

The Chief Matron, Burns Care Unit of UCH, Mrs.

Emem Etuk, confirmed that the victims were brought to the hospital at different times.

Also, the hospital's Public Relations Officer, Kunle Atinwore, confirmed the incident, saying the victims who were admitted at different times, claimed that they bought the deadly kerosene from the same filling station.

Appealing to the residents to be more vigilant, Etuk said "on no occasion should

anyone refill an already lit lantern or stove with either pure or adulterated kerosene."

The Consultant Plastic Surgeon of UCH, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin, attributed the explosion to prevalent greed in the society, which he said, had made people to dilute petroleum products to get money at the detriment of all of us, ignoring the fact that such acts are deadly, particularly to kerosene users."