

Explosion kills mother, daughter in Enugu

From **Lawrence Njoku (Enugu)**

TRAGEDY struck in Enugu yesterday following an explosion caused by suspected adulterated kerosene.

A nursing mother and her five-year-old daughter were killed, while her husband and three-month-old baby sustained severe burns.

The woman, Mrs. Nkechi Ozuku and her daughter, Nnenna died at about 11 a.m. at the National Orthopedic Hospital, Enugu yesterday following severe burns they sustained when their lantern exploded.

Her husband, Emmanuel and baby, Chinemerem were in critical condition when *The Guardian* visited the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Elder brother of the victim, Francis Ozuku, explained that the tragedy occurred as Nkechi tried to add kerosene to the already lit lantern following power outage in the area.

"Immediately, there was an explosion that engulfed the entire building. The entire thing covered Nkechi and the children, while my younger brother Emma who was already in bed could not find an escape route", Francis said.

He added that he had ran to his brother's house at No 12B Aguabo Road, Iva Valley on hearing the explosion, stressing that the prompt response of neighbours saved the entire building from being burnt.

He said the kerosene which was bought at one of the filling stations in the area may have been adulterated.



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From **Abosede**

FORTY accused including Director of Administration of the Head of of the Federal Teidi Shuaibu, re-arraigned before High Court in connection with the pension scandal recently uncovered by commission.

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