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A 95-year old man and his three grand children in Akaeze Village of Urum community in Awka North Local Council of **Anambra** State have allegedly died in their sleep after inhaling **fumes** from a **power generating set**.

Four feared killed by power generating



According to witnesses, the nonagenarian, Chief Sopulu Nwankwo, and his grandsons, Dubem Nwajiobi (13), Chigozie Nwajideobi (seven) and Favour Nwankwo (seven) were discovered dead yesterday morning with foam in their mouth.

set fumes in Anambra

Villagers, including old men and women, young girls and boys who quickly gathered at the expansive compound of the deceased persons shortly after news of their death broke out variously described them as peaceful, cheerful and friendly.

Pa Nwankwo's son in-law, Mr. Charles

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Nwajideobi, whose sons-Dubem and Chigozie were among the dead, explained that the boys oftentimes slept in their grand father's house to watch films and football matches.

He said he had come in the morning to take back his sons, as his house was close by, only to discover that the doors were still firmly locked and that no one came out despite his desperate banging, loud calls and knocks on the gates.

He said it was when he used his in-law's spare key in his possession to

open the door that he found the **four** bodies and his daughter, Ogochukwu Nwajideobi, who was still alive but gasping for breathe.

She was rushed to a private hospital in Awka immediately for medical attention.

Though many attributed their death to smoke from the **generating set**, with which they watched films and slept the previous night, others, including Nwajideobi suspected they were poisoned because of the whitish foam oozing from their mouths.

At the hospital where little Ogochukwu Nwajideobi was placed on a life support machine, the physician in charge of her case, Dr. E.I Onwubuya, said they were doing their best to resuscitate her. He however declined to comment on how critical the girl's condition was as a result of inhaling **fumes**.

Sympathisers at the hospital who spoke to journalists prayed fervently for miss Ogochukwu's recovery so she can tell what really happened.

The doctor however said inhaling carbon monoxide, especially large volume from a **power generating set** could lead to death and make one foams from the mouth, if there was convulsion in the process.

The Police Public Relations Officer for Anambra State Command, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, could not be reached to confirm the incident.

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