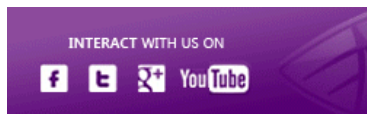


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Fun-seeker burnt to ashes in Lokoja brothel

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TRAGEDY struck in a suburb of Lokoja, Kogi State capital on Monday when a fun-seeker known to be frolicking with some women of easy virtue in a local brothel, was roasted to death by a mysterious fire. The victim, a 45-year-old bricklayer, died in the inferno that gutted the brothel in Gadumo, a suburb community in Lokoja.

The deceased, whose name was given as Imma, hailed from Okele-Ejule in Ofu Local Council of the state. Sympathizers, who besieged the scene of the incident, said the randy bricklayer had been having a running battle with his wife, who is also an expectant mother, over his careless lifestyle, which made him usually stay away from home for several days.

It was gathered he was taking a nap in the makeshift brothel when the fire broke out. Most of the occupants scampered for safety as soon as they noticed the fire. It was gathered that efforts to rescue him were futile as the heavy smoke from the smoldering zinc and woods consumed him.

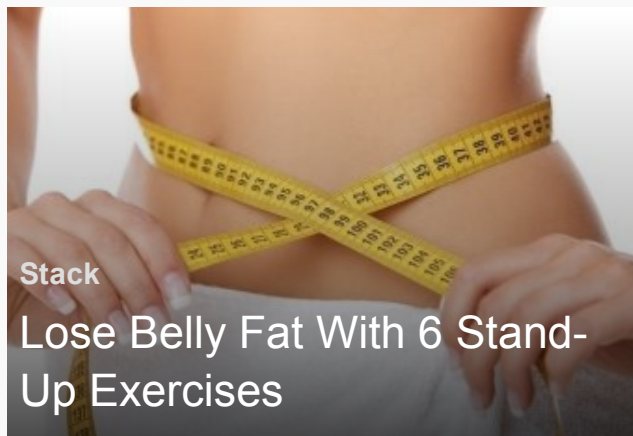
The fire was said to have broken out from the tripod cooking stones, which was used to cook for customers. Many occupants of the house, which was made of zinc and thatched roof, escaped unhurt while the deceased was not that lucky as he was burnt beyond recognition.

The owner of the popular joint, which harbours several commercial sex workers was said to have escaped immediately from the scene, as angry youths invaded the arena and threatened to know the circumstance surrounding the death of the fun seeker.

Left to mourn him are six children and his pregnant wife.

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