

## ② Tragedy in Ondo as mother, child crushed to death, minor burnt in fire incident

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② **T**WO tragic incidents were recorded in Ondo State yesterday, leaving three persons dead in separate accidents in Akure and Ondo town.

③ **I**n Akure, the state capital, a middle-aged woman and her child were crushed to death at the Okeogba axis after a Toyota Sienna vehicle reportedly lost control and rammed into them.

Eyewitnesses said the vehicle was on top speed when its brake failed, killing the victims on the spot. Their identities had yet to be

confirmed as of press time.

③ **M**eanwhile, in Ondo town, a nine-year-old girl identified as Testimony was burnt to death when fire engulfed a four-bedroom apartment in the Samakinwa area of the town.

The girl, who was said to be mentally challenged, was reportedly locked inside a room by her guardian, who had gone to church at the time of the incident.

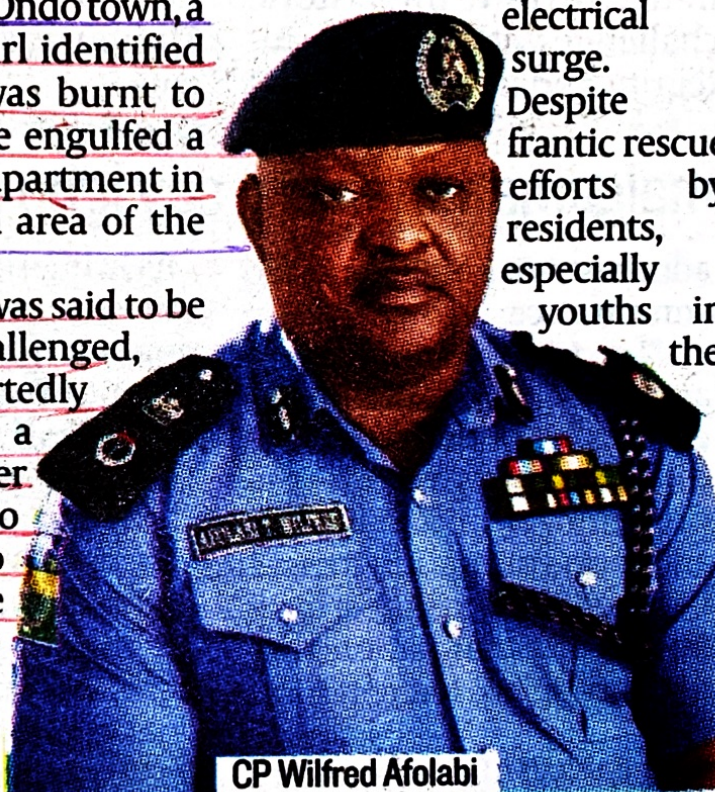
Eyewitnesses linked the

cause of the fire to an electrical surge. Despite frantic rescue efforts by residents, especially youths in the

area, they were unable to break into the room before the fire consumed it.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Yaba Division, CSP Victor Olowolagba, who visited the scene, confirmed that four persons had been invited for questioning to determine the exact cause of the fire and circumstances surrounding the child's death.

Reacting, youth leader of the area, Comrade Akinbinuade Akinyemi, expressed deep sorrow over the incident and lamented the increasing rate of fire outbreaks in the community.



CP Wilfred Afolabi