

Petrol Fire Kills *Okada* Rider, Family Members In Lagos

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A commercial motorcycle operator identified as Femi Anjorin and his entire household were roasted to death in Lagos on Sunday, when a jerry-can of petrol he kept at home for use went up in flames.

A one-month-old baby was also burnt to ashes in the fire.

An eye witness and neighbour of the deceased family in Agege area of town told *Daily Independent* that a maid of the late Anjorin, Victory Fayemi, wanted to strike matches to light up a candle when the petrol caught fire.

"There was power outage and I

was outside taking fresh air with other neighbours when we heard a sound like that of a knock-out and when we rushed inside to have a look, fire had engulfed the entire passage."

Police source at Ifako police station in Agege said that the incident happened on Saturday evening at about 9.00 p.m. and that it took neighbours of the victims more than three hours to put out the raging inferno. He added that the late Anjorin was a commercial motorcycle operator and because of the current fuel scarcity, he might have got

some fuel in a jerry-can and stored it at home for future use.

"It is not entirely his fault because if there was enough petrol at the filling station, there would not have been any need for him to come back home with petrol in a jerry-can."

But another eye witness whose apartment was next to the victim's and also affected by the fire said Anjorin's housemaid was careless.

When *Daily Independent* contacted the state Police image-maker, Mr. Bode Ojajuni in a telephone, he said that police was not aware of the incident.