

Adulterated Kerosene Claims Two In Gombe

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As the perennial fuel scarcity bites harder in Gombe State, two housewives have been burnt to death while seven others are seriously injured when the room they were staying went up into flames flowing an adulterate kerosene being sold by fuel seller.

The survivors are currently receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre and Gombe Specialist Hospital. Their conditions remain critical, even as medical doctors are battling hard to save their lives.

One of the victims, a 18-year-old Khadijat Ahmadu, who was worst hit by the fire, is seeking help from philanthropists and corporate bodies to enable her raise N2.5 million for medical treatment.

Her husband, Jibril Ahmad, told reporters that he had exhausted all he had even as the medical expenses were becoming unbearable for him to pay.

According to an eyewitness, no fewer than nine women were said to be in Khadijat's room chatting when a neighbour came to buy kerosene which she never knew was adulterated.

As she was pouring the kerosene into a bottle, the lantern with the buyer caught fire, which engulfed the entire room and in the process two of them were burnt to death while the rest were rushed to the hospitals.