

Kerosene Explosions Kill 13 In Ibadan

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As the number of victims of kerosene explosion in Ibadan increased to 13, the police in Oyo State have arrested the manager of one of the filling stations from where the killer-kerosene was reportedly purchased. Daily Independent gathered that the manager of the filling station located at Olodo area along Iwo-Road was arrested by a team of policemen on Wednesday.

However, when contacted to

confirm the report, the Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Olabisi Okuwobi, said she was still expecting signal from the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in-charge of the area. An incident of killer-kerosene was first recorded at Olodo area of Ibadan last week, as four different families were affected.

Also, a couple and a mother of four were again brought to the Burns Unit of the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan as a result of another kerosene explosion incident that occurred in

the same area.

Meanwhile, the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) has risen to the occasion by closing down two filling stations, which victims claimed sold the contaminated kerosene to them, pending a laboratory test of their products.

Acting Operations Controller of DPR in Oyo State, Mrs. Modupe Komolafe, disclosed to newsmen in her office yesterday that her agency has also started taking samples of kerosene product in other filling stations across the state for laboratory analysis.