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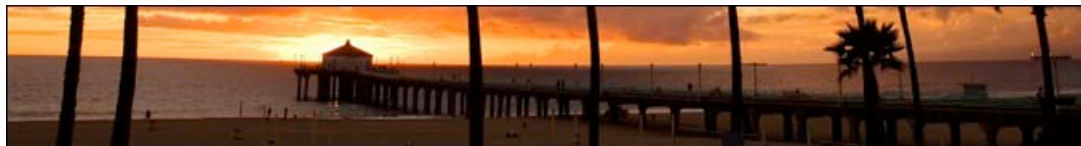
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Felix Igbekoyi

29 March 2011

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Asaba — Thursday February 17, 2011, could be termed the saddest day in the life of Igbinijie family in Ute Okpu Kingdom, Ika North East local government area of Delta State. It was the day Leonard Igbinijie lost his wife, Patricia, and daughter, Evelyn, to inferno caused by a commercial motorcyclist, popularly called okada rider. Patricia had eleven children for Leonard, seven boys and four girls. With her support to her husband, four of the children including Evelyn are said to have graduated from higher institutions. Unfortunately, all of them are applicants seeking employment.

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Daily Independent gathered that Patricia and her daughter were said to have perished some 300 metres to their house from a travel of about eight kilometers at Ogbe Ohun, Ute Uyama quarters of Ute Uremu in Ute Okpu Kingdom. What happened could be replicated to Nebuchadnezzar's lake of fire. The conflagration was raging unbarred, the flame and balls of smoke billowing to the high heavens, marble heart thawing and pathos-laden

cries were from bust jerry cans of petrol.

The bereaved father, Leonard is a peasant farmer. He has the favour of God in child bearing with only a wife, Patricia, now burnt to death, and 11 children from their marriage.

Eyewitness account told Daily Independent that both Patricia and her daughter, Evelyn, were on a bike going to their village when the motorcycle carrying them had a collision with another motorcycle carrying 50 litres gallon of petrol.

"Immediately the accident occurred, the next thing was fire. The mother, daughter and the motorcyclist, who were already fallen and injured, could not immediately stand up and the fire enveloped them. The three of them were burnt to ashes on the spot," he narrated.

News of the fatal accident shocked the residents, particularly the commercial motorcyclists, who equally lost one of their members. Many trooped to the scene of the accident to ascertain the fate of their own. The general scene was that of pandemonium and palpable anxiety.

After the initial shock occasioned by the tragedy, questions were being asked about what led to the incident and why there were no proactive measures to prevent the tragedy. Whatever the reason, it will not bring back the dead. Perhaps if they or any of the victims had the slightest inkling that an incident of such dimension would occur on the road, they would have suspended the journey that day.

In an interview, Leonard in tears and talking in hiccups, queried how he would cater for the children who have nothing to fall back upon.

"My wife, who has been a very dependable source of help in bringing up our children is nowhere by me. My daughter, Evelyn, was an applicant before the devilish fire burnt her to ashes."

Leonard continued with tears rolling down his cheek and said, "I feel very bad that my wife and daughter died the same day. How do I train the remaining children without my wife? No help and support from anywhere. That is why I am crying."

But why was Leonard crying? The reason is not far-

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fetched. Of the eleven children, including Franca, Magdalene, Sylvester, Friday, Evelyn, now burnt to death, Francis, Stanley, Douglas, Rita, Gift and Favour most are job seekers. Franca, an applicant, is an HND graduate of Mass Communication from Institute of Management Technology, (IMT) Enugu. Sylvester, also unemployed, is an HND graduate too of Electrical Electronics, from IMT. Friday is an HND graduate of Public Administration, IMT, while late Evelyn was an NCE graduate of Political Science, College of Education, Agbor.

Sympathisers reasoned that Patricia seemed to have laboured in vain without reaping the fruit of her labour. Evelyn, according to an insider, was anxiously planning to set up a business outfit as a sort of self-employment.

Charles Igbinjeh, Leonard's nephew, speaking on behalf of the family, called on the state government, Emergency Relief Agencies, public-spirited individuals to come to the aid of the family.

He said that Patricia was partly a breadwinner of the family of his uncle before she died, adding that without help coming to his uncle, he would find it extremely difficult to cope with life.

One of the sympathisers, Ifeanyi, who was just rescued from Libya due to the civil war there told Daily Independent that he has regularly been using Delta government buses from Agbor to Asaba and Asaba to Abraka, saying that they reminded him of the large capacity buses that took him to and from work in Tripoli, Libya, before the hostilities broke out. But he was also distracted when he discovered that the availability of such modern and comfortable buses notwithstanding, Deltans still patronise commercial motorcycles. He sorrowfully said, he would have stayed back and died in Libya through bomb blast or bullet, than the agonising death of Patricia and Evelyn from okada.

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Whatever the cause and interpretation, people have described it is unfortunate, encouraging their father, Leonard, to look up to the Almighty God.

Meanwhile, the mother and daughter were said to have been buried two weeks ago, while the third person, carrying the four jerry can of petrol, was understood to have also been buried.

One of the children, Friday, said, seeing the coffins in their compound, emotions were high, and tears were uncontrollable. Wailings rented the air as a sense of loss and sadness pervaded the atmosphere. Grief was palpable. Perhaps most of those gathered around the coffins found it incomprehensible that the cold hands of death could snatch the lives of two at once in the family.

Whatever the position, there is no doubt that memory of the sad event will remain for so long time in the minds of residents of the area, particularly the bereaved immediate relative and others.

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