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A traffic offender arguing with a traffic warden at the Central Business District, Abuja, yesterday. PHOTO BY OKOJIE JEREMIAH

Father, 2 Children Killed By Generator Fire

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A 50-year-old man and his two children were at the weekend killed by a generator fire in their residence at the Ikotun area of Alimosho local government, Lagos State.

The generator was said to have exploded and the fire from it razed the two bedroom apartment where the deceased resided.

LEADERSHIP gathered yesterday that the deceased's wife and one other child who survived the incident were severely burnt and are receiving treatment the Lagos State Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) located in Ikeja area of the state.

It was further learnt that the incident happened at about 8 pm at the weekend, in the

building located at No 8, Odofin Street, Ikotun, when one of the children of the deceased, a Togolese, took a lit candle near the generator that had just been filled with petrol.

A neighbour who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the flame from the candle ignited a wild fire from the generator and spread to the whole apartment.

He said the residents got wind of the fire when they saw smoke coming out of the apartment but the victims were consumed before they could be rescued.

The deceased's neighbour said one of them died at the spot while others were rushed to a hospital where two others eventually died, prompting the residents to report the incident

at the Ikotun Police Station.

It was gathered that the bodies of the dead family members have been deposited at the mortuary in Ikeja for autopsy.

The residents who said the victims were well known in the area as a peaceful family confirmed that the wife and the child that survived were still at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, LASUTH, where they are receiving treatment.

Though the Divisional Police Officer of the police command at Ikotun was not on seat to officially confirm the incident, other police officers said policemen were deployed to the place and investigation into the matter had commenced.

Driver Demanded For Stabbing Man