

EXPLOSION: Kerosene Explosion Kills 2 Children In A/Ibom

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Two children of the same parent have lost their lives to fire outbreak of kerosene explosion which occurred in their home Etoi in Uyo.

The disaster occurred at about 11 pm shortly after electricity supply to their home in Etoi clan had gone off and the entire compound was in darkness.

A neighbour named Ma Anietie had offered to assist by putting on her kerosene lantern which suddenly exploded and consumed everything on sight including the two children.

An eyewitness who did not want his name in print said when the explosion occurred, the neighbour Ma Anietie, could not do anything but flung the lantern and its content on the floor which further compounded the situation by making the

fire spread to other part of the building.

He said that before other tenants could come in for rescue operation the entire household had been engulfed by fire.

Leadership learnt that the father of the two children was not at home during the incident.

Meanwhile, residents of the area had continued to express shock over the death of the children.

One of them, Uduak Out, an automobile mechanic in Uyo, described the fire outbreak and the loss of the children as very sympathetic.

Others attributed the disaster to the nefarious activities of illegal refinery and the suppliers of bad quality kerosene products.

As at the time of filing this report the mother of the deceased children was still in coma and receiving treatment at a nearby hospital.