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Bernard Tolani Dada, Uyo  
December 5th, 2008

Poisonous fume from a generating set kept running overnight killed four family members yesterday in Uyo. An eye witness account told our correspondent who visited the scene that as at 7.30 am yesterday nobody had woken up in the house, a development which attracted the attention of a concerned neighbour who approached the house to check what was happening. According to the concerned neighbour, a woman, peeped through the window to discover that the family members were still sleeping while the ill-fated generating was still running.

The door according to the eyewitness was forced open only to discover that some members of the family were dead, a development that attracted the neighbourhood to the scene. It was learnt that the 4 dead persons allegedly inhaled fumes which contained carbon monoxide from the generating set. Those confirmed dead were the father, sister-in-law and two daughters while doctors were still battling to save the wife, another relation and three children who are lying critically ill at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, (UUTH).

Our correspondent who visited the hospital could not speak with the chief medical director, but confirmed that those certified dead have been deposited at the mortuary of the hospital.

Reacting to the development, Chairman Contact and Mobilisation Committee of the Nigeria Medical Association, NMA, Akwa Ibom State Chapter, Dr. Ibiok Usen Ndia appealed to the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, PHCN, to be alive to its responsibilities to reduce the number of deaths from generating set fumes. It was gathered that the family hails from Ikot Akpan in Nsit Ubium local government area, but resides in Uyo. This brings to eight the number of persons who had died from toxic gas fume from generating set in recent times.

Just some few weeks back, a family of seven at Mbo in Mbo local government area of the state lost four members to fumes of carbon monoxide emission from a generating set.

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