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Confusion as family of five were found dead in Ogun

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It was all confusion at the Temidire community in the Sabo area of Abeokuta yesterday when the residents woke up in the morning and found a family of five people dead in a room.

The family – a man (Aliu Adebayo), his wife and three children – had retired to their beds yesterday evening, but none woke up at day break, but his second wife, Aliyah, and her three children survived the mystery death.

Aliyah and her kids were said to have slept in another room within the six-room bungalow located at No 3, Ireti Akinbode Street of the community.

A neighbour of the victims, who declined being mentioned, said the residents got to know of the mystery death through the wailing of the second wife, Aliyah, which attracted people to the scene.

According to the witness, residents had thought the wailing woman was attacked by robbers and upon listening to a persistent cries, they realised that something untoward had happened.

She said: "It was a noise that woke us up and we initially thought it was an armed robbery or probably from the mosque, but when we listened very carefully, we observed that it was like a dirge and we rushed out to find so many people in front of the house.

"We could not say what happened because there was no noise in the middle of the night, but we were told that it was the first wife that called people's attention. You know it is a polygamous family. The wives were always fighting, but what could lead to the death of the five persons is still a surprise to us. I have never seen this before.

"Some people are saying it might be fume from a generator. They use a generator, but it is always at the side of the house, as you can see the compound is not gated. But one thing is that they are always fighting, cursing each other. The community leader once intervened, but not much peace was achieved."

Also, a community leader, Alhaji Abubakar Oloworike, said nobody knew what happened, but added that some people claimed they perceived the odour of chemical in the room where the family died.

He said: "It was a surprise to us when we got to the place, but what we observed was that there was an odour like an insecticide and we had to rush out, but someone told us that it could be the fume from the generator.

"It's unbelievable. I have never seen this before. we do not know the cause, but when I moved near the house, I perceived an odour as if someone used an insecticide. It is only God that knows what happened to them."

The Police Public Relations officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the incident, said the cause of death is still not yet clear.

Adejobi said: "The police found the bodies of five people in the building this morning. The cause of the death is yet unknown.

"We cannot ascertain the cause of the death for now. There are allegations here and there, but the police will do what needs to be done, that is postmortem, that will tell us the cause of the death. We have versions to the story. Some said it was a carbon monoxide from the generator; some said it was spiritual and that somebody actually killed them; some even said the person sprayed something in the room. But the medical practitioner, through postmortem, will tell us the cause of the death."

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