Fumes kill family of 3 in Delta

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TRAGEDY struck in the early hours of Sunday when the lifeless bodies of a middle aged man identified as Jemudia, his wife and daughter were discovered in their three-bedroom apartment at Umeh community in Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State. They were said to have died as a result of fumes from a power generator.

Neighbours were said to have noticed that fumes were coming out of the apartment of the victims.

According to a community source, the deceased had put on their generator set before they went to bed in one of the rooms of the three-bedroom apartment the previous night. "We were surprised when residents of the neighborhood alerted the whole community that Mr. Jemudia and his family had died as a result of fumes from his generator," the source said.

The source explained that vibrations from the generator had turned its exhaust towards the direction of the room in which they (deceased) were sleeping.

"When we got there, we saw fumes all over their room. They gave up the ghost as a result of the suffocation of the generator fumes which they had inhaled," the source added.

Describing the incident as a rude shock to the entire community, he said the incident threw the entire community into confusion, noting: "we have never witnessed or heard of this kind of occurrence in this community or in neighboring communities."