

Police confirm death of two kids in Ebonyi kerosene explosion

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The Police Command in Ebonyi yesterday confirmed the death of two children in a kerosene explosion which occurred at Ezzamgbo, Ohaukwu Local Government Area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Loveth Odah, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the matter was reported at the Divisional Police Station, Ezzamgbo, by one Mr Chinedu Onwe.

Odah said that Onwe was in company with one Mrs Christiana Ibili, 34, who suffered severe burns from the explosion, after purchasing the product from Dipro filling station at the Ezzmagno junction.

“The police gathered that on reaching her house, one of Ibili’s children poured the kerosene inside a lantern and lit a match-stick which resulted in an explosion with uncontrollable flame.

“The flame engulfed the whole building, which resulted in the death of Miss Joy Ituma, 5, and Master Joshua Onwe, 6, while Ibili and Mr Uchenna Ituma, 18, sustained severe burns.

“The children were confirmed dead by a medical doctor at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, while the wounded are receiving treatment at the hospital,” Odah said.