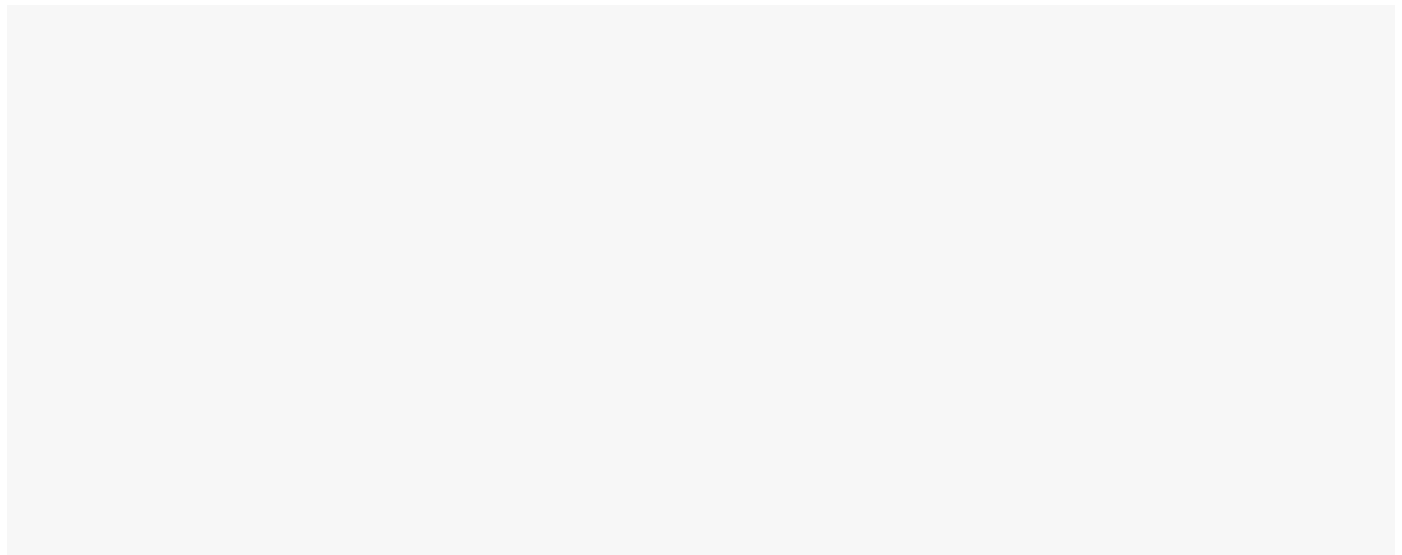


Expectant mother, kids burnt in Anambra



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An expectant mother and her two children have died in a fire that engulfed their house in Umuoffor, Okija, Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The deceased were identified as Nwazuru Okeke and her kids – Chidi Ebube (2) and Makuochukwu (1).

The Nation gathered that it was difficult to rescue them as they were trapped in the inferno.

“We could not rescue them because before we gained access to the apartment, they were already burnt to ashes,” a neighbour lamented.

Police spokesman Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said the deceased were burnt beyond recognition.

“There was a fire incident at Umuoffor village in Okija, at the home of Maxwell Okeke. His expectant wife, Nwazuru Okeke, and children – Chidiebube (2) and Makuochukwu (1) were burnt beyond recognition,” he said.

Mohammed said police detectives attached to Okija Division put out the fire with the help of local volunteers.

The source of the fire was still unknown as at last night, and Mohammed said the Commissioner of Police, Rabiul Ladodo, has ordered an investigation into the incident.



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