

Police probe death of three lodgers in Edo hotel's fire



Edo State Police Command is investigating the death of three lodgers in hotel's fire in **Benin City**, the state capital, its Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Chidi Nwabuzor, a Superintendent of Police (SP), has said.

The lodgers, including lovers: Bright Amechi, Michael Awowea and Cynthia Ogiugo, lost their lives at a popular hotel (name withheld), on Emoavwodua Street, off Limit Road, in the Edo State capital.

Our reporter gathered yesterday that the victims: two males and a female, were sleeping in their rooms, when there was sudden fire at 4 a.m., on the first floor of the hotel, with the smoke suffocating the lodgers, who became unconscious.

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Nwabuzor said some suspects had been arrested, He didn't disclose their identities.

He, however, noted that a guest in the room, where the fire started, and an official of the hotel, had made useful statements to the police.

Edo PPRO said: "The area's Divisional Police Officer (DPO) contacted the Edo State Fire Service, and the officials rushed down, and put out the fire.