

# Six family members die after inhaling generator fumes



The people of Isi Obehie in Ukwa West Local Government Area of **Abia State** have been thrown into mourning following the death of six members of a family resident in the community.

The incident happened at Ofoji Street in Obehie on Wednesday.

The only surviving member of the family is the father. Hewas away when the incident happened.

The deceased persons include the mother and her three children, sister to the woman and her brother-in-law.

While five persons died on the spot, the younger sister to the mother of three, who was found unconscious at the time neighbours became aware of the incident, was said to have died in the hospital on Thursday.

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A source in the community that visited the scene who pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that it was a pathetic and gory sight to behold.

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The source said the victims were from Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area, but resided in the community.

"They left their generator behind their building and went to sleep, leaving their windows open.

"We suspect that the window, which was open, gave room for the generator fumes to come into their house, resulting in the unfortunate incident.

"The brother-in-law to the woman who should be about 30 died with the sister-in-law and three of his brother's children died as well.

"The brother's wife's sister died this morning at the hospital where she was taken for medical treatment."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Maureen Chinaka confirmed the deaths and that investigation had begun.