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IT was wailing and tears at Ezinwafo Village, Mbaukwu, Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, when fire outbreak burnt a newborn baby to death while other victims sustained varying degree of injuries at the early hours of Wednesday.

The parents of the newborn baby who were said to have sustained 70 per cent degree of burnt had taken to a hospital

when newsmen arrived at the scene, while a large crowd of sympathisers wept uncontrollably.

The six-bedroom flat bungalow occupied by the victims was gutted by fire suspected to have been caused by stored petroleum product kept in one of the rooms. The names of the victims, however, could not be ascertained as of the time the Nigerian Tribune, visited the scene.

An eyewitness, Chinenye Nzekwe, told newsmen that they were woken around 2.00 a.m. by a loud bang on their doors, which they suspected to be a robbery attack only to realise after opening the doors that it was fire outbreak.

He said that he rushed to the scene and saw a male and a female crawling on the ground in pains, adding that if not for the intervention of officials of the state fire service and sympathisers, the fire would have consumed all of them.

In his reactions, the Senior Fire Superintendent in the State Fire Service, Kingsley Nwokoye, maintained that they arrived when the situation had become terrible but managed to put out the fire to prevent it from extending to other buildings.

At the hospital, Dr Amaechi Nwachukwu, said that the husband and wife who were the parents of the deceased baby were brought to the hospital around 5.00 a.m. in critical conditions.

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