

# Kerosene explosion kills three-year-old girl

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A middle-aged man, popularly known as Mohammed Bricklayer, on Monday, lost his daughter, Aisha, to kerosene explosion.

The incident, which occurred at Sauka Kahuta area of Minna, also left the man with some degree of burnt in his attempt to save the daughter's life.

On Sunday night, Mohammed was said to have purchased a gallon of adulterated kerosene which he attempted to pour into a lantern to illuminate his apartment following a power outage.

One of Mohammed's neighbours, Mr. Raji Yusuf, who spoke with our correspondent, disclosed that Aisha, a three-year-old girl, was standing very closely to the father when the explosion occurred.

The explosion, it was learnt, occurred in the proc-

ess of lighting the lantern after the kerosene, which was believed to be mixed with petrol, was poured into it.

During the fire that ensued, Mohammed was said to have escaped with some wounds while the daughter who sustained serious degree of wounds was rushed to the Minna General Hospital.

Young Aisha died in the hospital on the following day.

Yusuf blamed the development on the adulterated kerosene sold to his neighbour.

He said it was not the first of such incidents in the state capital and blamed most of the petrol dealers for failing to ensure that a tanker used for petrol was properly clean before using same for kerosene.

He put the blame of the unfortunate incident on carelessness and societal neglect.

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