

# Generator fumes kill hotelier, two others in Ota

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**T**HREE persons were found dead inside a hotel room in Ilogbo-Ota, Ogun State, on Monday.

The three were the owner of the hotel, his female friend and a male worker, and their deaths were believed to have been caused by generator fumes.

The suspicion of neighbours was said to have been aroused on Monday afternoon when none of the occupants of the hotel was sighted, either going in or coming out, while the generator, which had been

on since Sunday night was still working.

The neighbours were said to have consequently forced the hotel door open and found the lifeless bodies of the two men and the female guest, who was said to be a lover of the late hotel owner.

Our correspondent learnt that there were suspicions by some residents of Ilogbo Ota that the trio were killed by unknown persons inside the hotel, located on the Owode end of the busy Lagos - Abeokuta Expressway.

A police source, who

craved anonymity, however, told our correspondent that the hotel operators and his female guest could "only have been killed by a factor" inside the hotel premises.

The police source said, "The door to the hotel were bolted from the back; the door was forced open by the neighbours and the door was not locked from outside. The neighbours discovered the dead bodies after they forced the door open. The generator was still working as at that particular time.

"The only thing that

could have killed them should be the generator fumes; there was no sign of violence."

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Olumuyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Tuesday and denied that the deceased were killed by robbers.

"No, it was not a case of robbery. They were killed by generator fume. As a matter of fact, one of the corpses had been released for burial because the person was a Muslim," he said.