

Kerosene explosion kills two in A'lbom

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Kerosene suspected to be adulterated has exploded and killed two children, leaving three others with severe burns in Ikono Ibom, in the Uyo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

A tricycle operator and father of three, Nsikak Michael, was among the victims who suffered severe burns from the explosion. He is also the father of the dead children.

Michael, who also operates a small poultry farm near his house in Ikot Enyingne Ikono, said he bought the kerosene from a filling station along Idoro Road.

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He said, "Upon reaching home, I decided to light up the lantern in my poultry farm to keep my birds warm, but I needed to add more kerosene in the lamp as the light was going out.

"So, I came out of the poultry farm and my two children followed me. As I attempted to light up the lantern there was a loud explosion. The flames left me unconscious.