

Okija fire kills pregnant mother, two kids in Anambra

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An inferno on Wednesday killed a woman and her two children in Okija in Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State.

A source said the woman who was three months pregnant was burnt beyond recognition with her two children in their family house in Umuoffor village, Okija.

The deceased, Nwazuru Okeke, and her kids, Chidi Ebube and Makuochukwu, aged two and one year old respectively, were said to be at their residence when the incident occurred.

The PUNCH gathered that it was difficult to rescue anyone of them as they were said to be trapped in the raging fire.

The source added, “We were not able to recover the bodies of any of the victims because before we could gain access to the apartment, they were already burnt to ashes.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Haruna Mohammed, confirmed the story to our correspondent.

He said the deceased were “burnt beyond recognition.”

“There was a fire incident at Umuoffor village Okija at the residence of one Maxwell Okeke.

“As a result, his pregnant wife named Nwazuru Okeke, two children, namely Chidi Ebube Okeke, aged two years and Makuo Chukwu Okeke, aged one year, were trapped in the inferno and burnt beyond recognition.”

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He said the fire was put off following the arrival of police detectives attached to Okija Division to the scene with the assistance of local volunteers in the area.

Mohammad who said the cause of the fire was unknown, added that the Commissioner of Police, Rabiul Ladodo had ordered an investigation on the matter to ascertain circumstances surrounding the incident.

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