

Gas explosion kills Ogun woman, grieving husband laments losses

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The wife of a man, Saula Ajayi, has died from the shock of a gas explosion at one of the apartments at their residence in the Ijela area of Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Also, the victim reportedly lost property worth millions of naira when the fire from the gas explosion razed the bungalow housing the apartments.

PUNCH Metro gathered that one of the tenants in the building was cooking with gas when it exploded on Friday.

During the explosion, Ajayi's aged wife reportedly fainted due to the shock of the incident and was rushed to a nearby hospital for urgent treatment.

An eyewitness, Kola Abolade, while narrating the incident to our correspondent, said Ajayi's wife died on Monday despite efforts to rescue her from coma.

He said, "The whole house was razed down. A particular elderly couple was badly affected. They lost about N1m; Baba (Ajayi) just collected money from the cooperative but the fire burnt all their belongings. In fact, the mama who was earlier in coma died on Monday, August 29, 2022."

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Ajayi, while mourning the death of his wife and loss incurred during the fire incident, he just returned from the bank when the explosion happened.

He said “I just returned from the bank with the sum of N500,000 and I had N350,000 at home but now everything is gone.

“I lost all my property, my two refrigerators, television set, all my documents while I was in the Army, clothes and other belongings all got burnt.”

He said the clothes he was putting on were given to him by a neighbour.

Attempts to get a reaction from the Ogun State Fire Service failed as the agency’s Director, Fatai Adefala, did not take his calls.

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he had not been briefed about the incident.

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