on phone, one Mallam survivor, who was rushed while describing it as an Islamic rites.

Man dies after rescuing baby from burning building

From ROSE EJEMBI, Makurdi

After about six weeks of battling for survival, Michael Anthony, the young man who got burnt while trying to rescue a 16-month-old baby from a burning building in Makurdi has died.

According to his elder brother, Charles, Michael gave up the ghost at about 11.45pm on Sunday few hours after complaining of severe pains in his chest.

Charles said his brother was fast recovering from the burns before his death. "He suddenly started complaining of heart pain and every efforts by the doctors to stabilize him failed. He died last night," the bereaved brother said.

Charles stated that the whole family was sad about the development even as he revealed that Michael's death had left their mother perpetually crying while their father was said to be in shock at

the time of filing this report.

"We are all saddened by Michael's death but we give God all the glory because we cannot question Him. He gives and He takes. Michael's body is now lying lifeless in the mortuary. I can't even

fathom this. He had high hopes of going back to school and becoming an important person in the society. Now he is gone," he said.

Michael had ran into a burning house in Makurdi a few weeks ago to rescue a neighbour's

baby from a burning house. While the baby escaped with minor burns, Michael sustained third degree burns and had been on admission at the intensive care unit of the Benue State University Teaching Hospital, Makurdi.