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**T**ragedies hit three families in Imo, Delta and Kano states New Year Day with five deaths even as the death toll in the attack by gunmen in Plateau State last Tuesday rose to four yesterday.

The Anozie family of the Umuoguta in Ndegwu community, Owerri-West, Imo State was thrown into mourning when Miss Ifeoma Anozie, aged 22, who had returned from Lagos to celebrate the yuletide with her kinsmen, collapsed and died in the church after giving her testimony of a good year.

The late Ifeoma had gone to St. John's Anglican Church, Ndegwu with her family to thank God, but collapsed and died while trying to share her testimony of the outgone year with the rest of the congregation.

An eyewitness who doesn't want to be named, said the deceased who was based in Lagos, came back home primarily to testify her achievements of last year before the tragedy. He said the young woman had hardly began her testimony and that after singing praises, she slumped and died right in front of the officiating clergy and the congregation, throwing the entire church into confusion. "It is a big tragedy for us at Ndegwu, the young woman was a promising individual, we don't know exactly what caused her death, but we shall get to the bottom of it," he said.

Meanwhile, the body has been deposited at the mortuary. Efforts to talk to the Anozie family at press time were not fruitful.

In Kano metropolis, carbon monoxide fumes from a generator on