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## Tenant sets landlord ablaze over unpaid

Tragedy struck at Uwa Street, in charges. Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State, when a tenant, Jeff Obasohan, allegedly set his 83-year-old landlord, Pa Joseph Iyen, ablaze, following disagreement over unpaid accumulated rent

The incident occurred on Wednesday, at the deceased's residence between Second East Circular road and Third East Circular road in Benin, resulting from a protracted quarrel between the octogenarian and Obasohan

The late landlord had reportedly given the suspect a quit notice on two occasions, when he (Obasohan) allegedly failed to pay his rent, but the quarrel resulted to Pa Iyen's tragic death on Wednesday, following severe burns he sustained from fire.

The wife of the deceased, Mrs. Esther Iyen, alleged that the tenant had threatened her life and that of her late husband, adding that the suspect had also failed to pay his electricity bill.

"He does not pay his house rent, he has not paid the electricity bill. Since

2014, we said he should leave this house..

"He threatened to kill me or my husband. We took him to court. Then, my husband fell sick. Later, they said that the case had been struck out," she said.

Describing her father as "a kind man," daughter of the deceased, Faith Eganbor, confirmed that the tenant had been asked to leave the building in 2014 and 2015 and called for a thorough investigation in the matter and ensure justice for the aggrieved family members.

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