

Man, 26, dies from gas cylinder explosion in Aba

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A 26-year-old man simply identified as Chimezie, has been killed by explosion which occurred from a gas cylinder he was working with inside a mini factory in Aba, the commercial nerve centre of Abia state.

Saturday Telegraph gathered that the impact of the explosion shattered the body of the late Chimezie, who was said to have hailed from a Anara in Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State.

The deceased was said to have come to his place of work at a mini fabrication factory located along Opobo Road in Ogbor Hill axis of Aba in the morning of the unfortunate incident. Chimezie, the first child of his parents whose father was said to have died about three years ago, was reported to have powered a gas cylinder he was using to work, which was the source of the incident. Sources said a few minutes after him powered the cylinder, a deafening sound was heard inside the factory that shook buildings over 1,000 metres away. It was gathered that metal pellets from the scene of the incident flew in different directions, injuring people within the vicinity and shattering glass doors and windows.

Sources

said when the huge dust raised by the explosion settled, people rushed inside and found a man pointing towards a particular direction in the factory, behaving as though he was deaf ostensibly as a result of the impact of the explosion. A source who said he witnessed the incident told our reporter that it was when people rushed into the factory that the decimated body of Chimezie was found in different parts of the factory.

A relation of the deceased who spoke to our reporter said the explosion which occurred from the big gas cylinder the deceased was working with, actually severed the rest of his body from the waist, even as the legs were butchered into pieces.

He said: “His hands were equally cut off from his body, in fact it took us time with the help of the police to pick parts of his body from different locations in the factory; it was a horrible sight to behold.”