

Family Perish in Kerosene-induced Explosion

Barely 24 hours after her wife and three children died from a fire ignited by Kerosine explosion in Railway quarters, Port Harcourt, the husband and breadwinner of the family, Mr Mene Kpugi Fadeh has also died from burns from the inferno.

Fadeh had been rushed to an undisclosed hospital for medical attention from serious burns with one of his male children, before he died later yesterday, after all medical solutions to save his life failed.

Of the family of six who went to sleep on Saturday night, only one boy who also sustained burns is left.

His mother and three siblings died in the fire and have already been buried in Luwa, their home town in Khana Local Government area of Rivers State.

A patriarch of the Fadeh's

From Ahamefula Ogbu

in Port Harcourt

family, Mr Friday, confirmed the death of his brother amidst tears, lamenting that his late brother and wife were the light of the family.

He blamed fate for the tragedy, adding that if it was due to human machination, "God will never forgive those

behind it," as they are not sure that the little Fadeh who is still receiving medical attention from an undisclosed hospital will survive.

According to him, should anything happen to the little-boy, it would mean the end of the Fadeh generation, which he said was a bad omen in their place and prayed fervently for his survival.

NNPC Plans Two More

The NNPC says it is working with some International Oil Companies (IOC) to establish two new refineries with capacities for 200,000 barrels daily each.

Dr Levi Ajuonuma, NNPC Group General Manager (Group Public Affairs Division), said they would be located in Okrika and Brass.

He told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Abuja that the corporation would

inaugurate the new refineries by 2011 or 2012 as contained in the NNPC brief to the Ministers of Energy last week.

Ajuonuma said the additional refineries would bring the total domestic refining capacity to 845,000 barrels per day.

He said the current demand of about 30 million litres of petrol daily required 600,000 barrels refining capacity daily. Therefore, even if Warri and Kaduna refineries were to