Lives

of Taraba Sate.

home in Etegwe, Yenagoa.

started last Saturday.

further interrogation.

unanswered

in Jalingo, 11.05.2008

Seven people were feared killed in a communal crisis between the Fulani and

Bandana people at Bandawa village in

Karim-Lamido Local Government Area

In a similar incident, a prophet with the













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FromSegun James in Yenagoa and Augustine Osayande

Brotherhood of the Cross and Star (Olumba Olumba Obu) and his three wives were on Monday night

suffocated to death by fumes from the family's generating set at their

The prophet, Adani Okeke and his wives, one of whom was identified as Mary Abinnamu , were said to have retired to bed early in the night.

Confirming the report to newsmen in Jalingo yesterday, the state commissioner of police, Aliyu Musa, said unthenticated report from the

area alleged that seven people were killed in the communal crisis which

He explained that only two dead bodies have been recovered and search parties are now in the area to see if more dead bodies would be recovered. He said the crisis started after a Bandawa who went to farm was later found dead with his head and hand caught off. He said few members of his tribe who suspected that he was killed by nomadic fulani went into the bush for a reprisal attack against the Fulani. The police commissioner stated that the state government quickly responded to the crisis by inviting the two tribes for a meeting. He said relatives of the victims and the village head have also been detained for

At about midnight in Bayelsa, there was a power outage, a situation which forced the prophet to put on his generator. But in order to protect

the generating set from being stolen, he was said to have brought it inside the house, placing it at the kitchen before going in for the night.

THISDAY gathered that neighbours were attracted to the scene when they noticed that nobody came out even after persistent knocking on the

door to alert the family that public power supply had been restored went

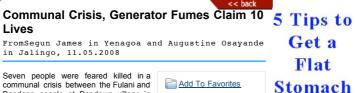
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A peep through the window revealed the horror of the death of the family. The police were immediately alerted, when the door was broken in order to get access to the apartment, it was too late as all four were pronounced dead on arrival by doctors at the Federal Medical Centre, Yenaogoa, where the remains have been deposited. Until his death, Prophet Okeke was the head of the Etegwe Bethel of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, also known as 'OOO' Contacted, Spokesman of the State Police Command, DSP Iniobong

lbokkete, confirmed the death of the four persons, saying, "Yes, they were choked after inhaling smoke from a generator."



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