

Church Overseer in Police net

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THE Police in Lagos yesterday arrested the General Overseer of a pentecostal church, in Lagos, for allegedly setting six members of his church ablaze last Sunday at his residence.

The incident which shook residents of the area and police authorities in the state reportedly led to the death of one of the female victims.

The bearded General Overseer was said to have confronted six members of the church residing at the boys quarters of his palatial home on Sunday

and accused them of fornicating.

Sources said all efforts by the worshipers to deny the allegation failed as the General Overseer directed another female member of the church to empty a basin of petrol meant for their generator on the suspects. It was alleged that the General Overseer personally lit a match and threw it at the worshipers who were drenched with fuel.

However, the Police spokesman in the state, Mr. Bode Ojajuni, who confirmed the arrest of the General Overseer said none of the victims died but

stated that they are in the hospital where they are receiving treatment. "We got the report late Sunday and we swiftly swung into action and at the end of the day, we succeeded in arresting the General Overseer.

"So far, nobody has died as a result of the incident. He allegedly set them ablaze after accusing them of witchcraft. We are still looking for other accomplices in the ugly incident. We have also posted our men to the church and other vital places that will aid our investigations into the matter", he said.