

# Heartless!

## 3-year old killed as robbers set house ablaze

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**A** GANG of armed robbers suffocated a three year old girl, Chidinma Onyenedum, to death when they set their victims house ablaze in frustration after they failed to gain entrance into the house. *Sunday Vanguard* gathered that the sad incident occurred at Kwankwashi (mechanic village) along Katsina

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the application, tribunal chairman, Hon. Justice Ayobode Lokulo Shodipo, held that the application did not affect the issues raised in the substantive petition, citing paragraph 15(1) of the first schedule of the Electoral Act, 2006.

Nwaukoni, is contending in his petition, that Bielonwu, who was declared winner of the election by INEC, was not a member of the AP, as according to him, Bielonwu joined the party when the party had concluded its primaries and a candidate for election on the party's platform for the said constituency had emerged. He is further contending in the petition, that INEC manipulated the results of the election in favour of Bielonwu, adding that he has evidence that he (Nwaukoni) won the election and should have been declared winner by INEC.

Road, in Dala Local Government Area of Kano State in the early hours of last Friday.

According to family sources, the girl's father, Mr. Ugonna Onyenedum, a Kano-based businessman, battled the suspected armed robbers for about an hour before they retreated, only to return, and set his five-room bungalow ablaze. Onyenedum was said to have refused to allow the intruders entry into the building after several demands by the criminals that he should open the door for them to have their way.

The source said other family members escaped through the back door after the frustrated robbers returned and set the house ablaze but Chidinma was not lucky as she gave up when she was choked up by the smoke from the inferno that raged in the building.

The state police command, PRO, (DSP) Baba Mohammed, told newsmen that the police were aware of the incident. The case, according to him, was already under investigation, assuring that they would unravel the mystery behind the incident. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Chioma Onyenedum, who is nursing a two-month old baby, cried inconsolably when *Sunday Vanguard* visited the family, muttering words that only she alone could interpret. All she could ask to no one in particular was, "where is my jewel, where is Chidinma; what is happening to us?"

The family lost all they had laboured for in life to the bizarre incident.