

Warri kerosene explosions: Death toll rises to 28

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WARRI — THE death toll in the killer-kerosene blasts that rocked the oil city of Warri and environs in Delta State has risen from 17 to 28 persons with at least two fresh deaths recorded yesterday.

Chief Consultant Surgeon at the Central Hospital, Warri, Dr. Peter Oside who is handling the case of kerosene victims on admission in the hospital, however, told Vanguard that the deaths included those who were rushed to the hospital but died before admission and those who died while on admission.

Patients currently on admission, he said were doing well and the hospital was not lacking drugs due to the intervention of the state governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan,

who not only gave the patients N50, 000 each to augment their personal needs but had personally ensured that his promise to release drugs for the treatment of the patients was implemented.

At the wake of the kerosene blasts, it was reported that more than 30 persons were rushed to the hospital, but Dr. Oside told Vanguard, yesterday, that the number had since increased to 70.

According to him, a total of 24 victims have been discharged after they recovered tremendously from the burns and they now report from home for medical check-up.

He said that about three or four of the kerosene victims would be referred soon for plastic surgery, adding that the hospital authorities would soon refer their case to Dr. Uduaghan for assistance.