

Fresh kerosene explosions rock Delta

●2 electrocuted in Makurdi church

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A SABA — FRESH kerosene explosions have

rocked Kwale, in the Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State. Seven persons were burnt, but no life was lost.

Two labourers working at a church premises in Makurdi, were, however, not so lucky as they were electrocuted

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with six others seriously injured.

The labourers were erecting the church's giant-sized signpost when the ladder they were using unexpectedly slipped and fell on a nearby PHCN high tension wire. The victims died on the spot.

The injured were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi, where they were revived.

Pleading anonymity, a member of the church said "the contractor is to be blamed because the church paid him well to do a perfect job," but wondered why things went wrong.

Attempts to reach the senior pastor of the church on the incident were frustrated by his secretary, who claimed that the pastor was too busy to see anyone.

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Meanwhile, no fewer than seven persons were injured in Kwale, Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State, weekend, following the spread of kerosene explosion to the area.

Five of the victims had minor injuries while two teenagers of the same parent, Mustapha Id-

ris (8) and Hikimot Idris (11) are now receiving treatment for first degree burns.

It was gathered that a lantern placed in their room exploded unexpectedly.

Mother of the teenagers, Mrs. Abiola Idris told reporters that she was surprised at the explosion because she had always been purchasing kerosene for domestic use from a particular filling station in Kwale.

Fire razes 2 buildings in Asaba

Also two buildings of 3-bedroom flats each were razed down in Asaba on Sunday night.

The owner of the two buildings located opposite Asaba Aluminum Company on the Benin-Asaba Expressway escaped naked but lost everything to the inferno which cause was yet to be ascertained as at press time.

The owner was said to be having her bath when the fire started at about 9.45 p.m.

She managed to dash out of her apartment when she heard neighbours shouting, fire, fire while a former Army officer turned pastor occupying the adjacent flat within the same block also lost everything to the fire except his dog.