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OWERRI—A second year student of School of Nursing, Mbano, Miss Odinaka Opara, who was recently badly burnt alongside her younger sister in a kerosene explosion, has died in hospital.

Vanguard investigations revealed that late Miss Opara, a native of Akpim, Ekwereazu, Ahiazu Mbaise local government area of Imo State, paid a short visit to her parent's residence in Owerri and in the process of trying to refill an already lit lantern, unknowingly ignited an adulterated kerosene.

It was further gathered that the resultant explosion gave Odinaka and her younger sister varying degrees of burn and sympathisers rushed the two sisters to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, for medical attention.

A very close relation of the family that simply identified himself as Emeka told *Vanguard* that "Odinaka was later transferred to National Orthopaedic Hospital, Enugu, for specialist attention but unfortunately she died of complications that arose from the severe burn".