

10 die in kerosene explosion

ENUGU —THE National Orthopaedic Hospital, Enugu has recorded 10 deaths arising from kerosene explosions and chemical burns in the last eight months, an official said yesterday.

During the period, 140 others, including 86 males and 54 females, injured in such explosions and burns, received treatments in the hospital, the Chief Consultant in-charge of the hospital, Dr Chukwuemeka Eze, said in Enugu.

Eze in an interview asked the public to only buy kerosene from authorised fuel dealers and also avoid using the same container for petrol and kerosene.

He also called on the Federal Government to check the unscrupulous activities of vandals on NNPC pipelines.

"Most times, there is mixture of petrol, gas and kerosene in the vandalised pipeline product and since there is no proper separation of the chemicals, it is easy to ignite.

"People also lose the engine of their cars to such bad quality petrol," he said.

Eze advised pipeline vandals to look for other avenues of livelihood instead of engaging in acts that could lead to many deaths.