

Mother of four roasted to death

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YENAGOA—THE riverine settlement of Amassoma was weekend thrown into mourning when a mother of four lost her life with others sustaining serious injuries while property worth several millions of naira were destroyed by raging fire.

The deceased mother of four, two boys and two girls, aged 30, identified as Mrs. Juliet Onogokuromo was said to have met her untimely death in the wee hours of Saturday when her home which also served as a fuel depot was engulfed by fire.

Conflicting accounts of the incident have been given by eyewitnesses.

While one version had it that the

deceased, a dealer in premium motor spirit, 'petrol' met her untimely death when her home was engulfed by fire in an attempt to turn fuel inside a jerry, another account had it that the fire was allegedly ignited by a naked lantern from one of the locals who was rushing to the community waterfront to ease himself.

According to the first account, tragedy struck when the deceased woman in an attempt to ascertain the worth of the fuel left in a basin decided to turn same in a jerry can unmindful of a lantern nearby.

The naked flame was said to have triggered a fire explosion given the combustible nature of fuel roasting the woman alive.

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