

Mystic fire kills mother, daughter

ABUJA — A 60-YEAR-OLD woman, Elizabeth Akpangene and her daughter, Favour, were yesterday burnt to death in their Kabusa residence, near the Games Village, Abuja.

Her son, Joseph, said at about 4. a.m, a loud explosion was heard in the room where the duo and his younger brother were sleeping.

He said that when he ran out from his room in an adjacent

building along with some neighbours, the fire had engulfed the room.

He said that his brother managed to escape, but that his mum and sister were not as lucky. Joseph, 27, a mason and bread winner of the family, said he could not ascertain how the fire started.

"I suspect a rickety motorcycle parked in the room, but there was no fuel in the bike, so I don't know how the fire

came; my brother could not say as he himself was awoken by the explosion.

"I don't know how this kind of thing will happen to me. Anytime I try to rise up, something will happen to me.

"A few years ago, I also had to spend all I had saved to bury my father, now it is my mother and sister at the same time; God what have I done?," he asked in uncontrollable sobs.

Meanwhile, sympathisers and relations have continued to throng the place, as Joseph prepares to convey the corpses to their hometown in Uburu, Ebonyi.

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