

# Generator fume kills family of six in Rivers

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**P**ORT HARCOUR — A FAMILY of six made up of man, his pregnant wife, three children and a house help were found dead in a room in Ozuoba, Obio/Akpor local government of Rivers State.

They apparently died after inhaling carbon monoxide from a generator operated overnight insider the house where they slept.

One of the family's co-tenant simply called Chinyere said in tears that, we were worried when we discovered

that the family's door was not opened till late in the day especially as the man of the house who also is an early riser, some of us knocked repeatedly on the door.

We were more worried as the children did not prepare for school.

"It was when people became suspicious, at about 9.30 am, particularly as the generator was still running, that the door was forced opened and here they were, six of them lying motionless, all dead in different positions," Chinyere said.

Confirming the incident, the

Police Public Relations Officer, Rita Abbey said "they were all taken to the Braithwaite Memorial Specialist Hospital in unconscious states only for the man, his pregnant wife and three children to pass on". But the house-help is said to be still unconscious and admitted in the hospital. Meanwhile, Governor Rotimi Amaechi has expressed grief at the incident, condoling the extended family of the bereaved, while the government warned against people running generators in their apartments without adequate ventilation.