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Kerosene explosion: Policeman loses 5th child

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BENIN—MR. Hope Adeleke, the policeman who recently lost four of his children to kerosene explosion in Oghara, Delta State, recently, yesterday, suffered another set back as he lost yet another child as a result of the explosion.

His wife, Edna Adeleke and a sixth child are still in critical condition at the Accident and Emergency Unit of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, UBTH, where they were rushed to for treatment.

In another development, a woman whose identity could not be ascertained as at press time, yesterday, died at the teaching hospital as a result of kerosene explosion.

The woman and one of her children were said to have been rushed to the hospital from Ekehuan village near Benin City following burns they sustained from the explosion, but the child was said to have survived after treatment and has since been discharged.

Meanwhile, Mr. Adeleke, the policeman whose five children have died from the Oghara kerosene explosion is said to be under deep emotional stressed with medical personnel working hard to stabilize his condition.

Speaking on the serial kerosene explosions, which appeared to be as a result of scarcity of the product yesterday, Director-General of Save Accident Victims of Nigeria, SAVAN, Dr. Eddy Ehikhamenor called on the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, to warn all dealers and retailers against adulteration of kerosene.

While querying the high cost of kerosene, which now sells at about N130 to N150 per a litre, he called on the NNPC to embark on analysis of kerosene currently on sale to ensure that petrol was not mixed with other products, adding, “NNPC officials owe Nigerians safety.”

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This is multiple tragedy for this police officer! May the Good Lord have mercy on him and grant the souls of those young ones a peaceful rest! I hope the police can see what Nigerians are suffering from the hands of HEARTLESS state officials charged with the responsibilities of smooth production, supply and regulation of petroleum products but fail to deliver as well as those WICKED business men who manipulate the system because of their selfish gains. Next time, protect Nigerians who protest bad policies and programmes of government because we don't know whose family may be affected!

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Good for that police officer! only God Almighty knows how many innocent souls he must have sent to their early graves through his wicked activities as a Nigerian police officer. We all know what they do, police brutality and their so called accidental discharge! What goes around, comes around. When God's nemesis and the prayers of mothers and widows whose sons and husbands would have been mercilessly