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Generator fume kills family of three

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By Samuel Oyadongha, Yenagoa

Tragedy struck Monday in the sparsely populated new Kpansia layout of Yenagoa the Bayelsa State capital as a family of three was sent to their untimely grave by fume from a generator plant.



Victims resident at the new Kpansia layout of Yenagoa, Bayelsa

The tragic incident it was learnt occurred at their residence at the new Kpansia layout opposite INEC road junction, off the Isaac Boro Expressway.

The deceased man, his wife and little daughter who hailed from Oginibo and Okwagbe in Delta State were identified as Stephen Ujakpo, Mrs. C. Ujakpo and little Happy.

The lifeless bodies of the victims were discovered inside the bedroom of their 2-bedroom apartment while a Sumec generating set was found in their sitting room with all the windows shut.

It was however learnt that a young boy living with the deceased family survived the incident as he was found unconscious by neighbours who revived him.

Though the cause of their death could not be immediately ascertained but sources told Vanguard that they might have died due to carbon monoxide poison they inhaled from the generator plant.

The deceased head of the family in his mid forties, his wife and little daughter aged 7, neighbours told Vanguard were full of life the previous day Sunday (night) not knowing death was lurking in the shadow.

They were said to have retired indoors as early as 7pm on the fateful night since they living in a secluded area to put on their generating set due to power failure.

It was however learnt that the deceased slept off without putting off the generator, and that this may have been the cause of death.

The door of the house was forced opened by the neighbours, on noticing the usual quietness in their modest bungalow.

An eyewitness said they were confronted with the lifeless bodies of the three members of the families on the floor when they gained access into the house.

Said a neighbour, “when the bodies were discovered, a little boy who was in coma was revived by

neighbours who took him to a nearby hospital and later to the police for safe custody.”

Also, an eyewitness, Apostle Henry Emovwera expressed sadness over the incident and advised people not to put generator sets on in their houses when power outage occurs.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relation Officer, ASP Eguavoen Emokpai described the incident as unfortunate, adding that the command was yet to be properly briefed.

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