

Enugu housewife set ablaze by husband dies

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E NUGU — MRS Ifeoma Egeonu who was set ablaze by her husband, Mr. Alexander Ndubuisi Egeonu, in Enugu on October 1, has died.

She died at the National Orthopedic Hospital, Enugu where she was hospitalised along with her two sons, Udochukwu, 3, and Emmanuel, 6, at about 10 am yesterday.

The deceased housewife, who had seven months pregnancy at the time of the incident, had delivered a premature baby and was kept in an incubator for some days before she died last Sunday, October 23.

Little Udochukwu who was also burnt in the incident had given up the ghost at the hospital and his body deposited at the hospital's mortuary.

Ifeoma's uncle, Mr. Louis Edeh, who confirmed her death yesterday, described the development as very worrisome saying members of her family had expected

that she would survive the disaster having battled death for over three weeks.

Ndubuisi, a barber had after sprinkling petrol on his pregnant wife and two sons in the Independence Day tragedy fled his home but he was later arrested by the police who took him into custody since the past two weeks.

Ifeoma, who hailed from Amuri in Nkanu West Local Government area of Enugu State, had while on admission lamented her plights in the hands of Ndubuisi, whom she had married for about seven years.

Owing to incessant dispute with her hubby, Ifeoma and her two kids decided to stay with her mother for some time and she only decided to visit her husband on October 1 to celebrate the independence anniversary with him.

Ifeoma who sustained severe burns had narrated while on her hospital bed how Ndubuisi set her and the two kids ablaze that faithful day.