



ACCIDENTED: *The car in which the couple perished.*

Pregnant woman, 2 children burnt to death

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CALABAR—A pregnant woman, Ekaiquo Ewa, and her two children aged 7 and 3, were burnt to death, when a building that served as a residential building and business outlet caught fire, weekend, in Ugep, Yakuur Local Government Area, Cross River State.

The inferno, which engulfed the 27, Calabar Road house on Friday at 7p.m., caught the woman and her children in their one-room apartment, while her husband, Denis

Ewa, was away from the house.

Okoi, a mechanic, whose shop is close to the burnt house, told *Vanguard*: "We did not know the source of the fire. It is still a mystery how the fire started and spread so fast that the woman and the two children could not escape."

The woman, Okoi said, was from Akwa Ibom State, while her husband is from Abini, a neighbouring village to Ugep.

He said: "They have been living here for some time and

the time the fire engulfed the house, Denis was not at home and effort by other tenants to stop the fire did not yield fruit as the flame was too fierce."

The fire completely razed several motor parts and provision shops, which were in the front of the building.

"The fire started suddenly and was so fierce that nobody could salvage anything," Okoi said.

The body of the woman had been deposited at the Ugep General Hospital Mortuary, while those of the children had been buried.

Nigerian runs amok in Ivory Coast, shot

A Nigerian, suspected to be mentally-deranged, Bethel Chima, has been shot on the legs after running amok with a cutlass inside a police station in Port-Bouet Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Chima, who is in his 30s, was said to have been living in Abidjan for the past eight years. Nigerians residing in Port-Bouet said Chima started behaving abnormally about

three years ago.

A police source said that Chima stormed the police station on September 11 with a cutlass and chased policemen away from their duty posts.

The source further disclosed that the Nigerian dispossessed one of the policemen on duty of his rifle and began firing sporadically.

The source said that it took the swift intervention of an

anti-robbery team to bring the situation under control.

At Central University Hospital, CHU, Cocody, Abidjan, where he is currently receiving treatment, Chima said that the police was aware of his reason for attacking the station.

Chima, a Nigerian from Imo State, who sounded quite incoherently, accused the Ivorian police of using his name to play politics and