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Cooking gas explosion wipes out family of six

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An explosion from a cooking gas has killed a family of six in Agbor in Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The victims were identified as Mr. Favour Akpevweta, his wife, three children and a sister-in-law. The fire started after the gas with which Mrs. Akpevweta was cooking exploded.

An eyewitness said that she was washing beans outside the compound in the evening when she noticed that something was burning in the kitchen, and rushed inside to know what it was.

The eyewitness said she entered the kitchen with a burning candle, which she dropped by the door, adding that the candle caused the explosion.

According to the eyewitness, while Mr. Akpevweta, who was in the sitting room with his children managed to walk out of the building, opposite Gbenoba Grammar School, he died some minutes later due to the severe burns he sustained.

Efforts by good Samaritans to rescue other members of the family were unsuccessful, the eyewitness added, saying that those that made it to the hospital alive, including Mrs. Akpevweta, did not survive.

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