

# Suspected arson woman in An

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**O**NITSHA—A 77-year-old woman, Mrs. Grace Orizu was weekend killed when her son's five-room bungalow was allegedly set ablaze by some suspected arsonists at Little Wood Estate, Obosi in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The house help, nine-year-old, Progress Nwachukwu, was rescued from the kitchen by neighbours where he hid, but the body of Grace Orizu was discovered in the toilet where she had hidden herself while the fire was raging.

She was said to have been rushed to various hospitals before landing at St. Charles Borromeo Mission Hospital, Onitsha where she was certified dead by medical experts.

The incident, according to the source, occurred when the arsonists believed to be after the life of her second son, Emeka Orizu who was recently elected as chairman of Little Wood Estate, Obosi, allegedly sneaked into the compound at about 3 p.m., and quietly sprinkled some liquid substances suspected to be Premium Motor Spirit, PMS, all over the bungalow, including its roof top before setting it on fire.

The traditional ruler of Obosi, Igwe Chidubem Iweka, during a visit was told that Emeka Orizu left the house at about 2p.m. for Ihiala on a condolence visit to his in-law only to be called on phone by his wife at about 3.30p.m. to inform him of the incident.

Narrating his experience to the monarch, the nine-year-old house help, Promise said that he heard a noise at the gate and the deceased asked him to go and check those making the noise, adding that as he came out, he saw

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