



Some of the children being attended to by a doctor. Photos by Henry Nsubuga

# Boy suffocates to death, mother hospitalised

MUKONO

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Shock gripped residents of Kob cell in Seeta town, Mukono district, when they learned about the death of a four-year-old boy due to suffocation.

According to the Police, Ibrahim Kakande allegedly died due to suffocation, which was caused by smoke inhalation on Thursday morning.

The officer in charge of Seeta Police Station, Paul Kadogo, said Jalia Namyalo, 25, the mother of the deceased, was frying samosas in a house which had no ventilators, hence causing the suffocation of all the people in the house. The incident happened at 5:00am.

Kadogo, however, said they had taken the boy's body to Mulago city mortuary for a post-mortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death.

Rehma Namuwonge, a relative, said as Namyalo was frying the samosas, the children started crying. When



Namyalo in hospital

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she went to the bedroom to see what was happening, she too lost consciousness.

"We were lucky that Namyalo

had called her neighbours for help before becoming unconscious. The neighbours who rescued them had to break down the door once they got no responses from the house," she said.

The neighbours took four unconscious people out of the house and rushed them to Seeta Medical Centre for treatment.

Those removed were Namyalo and her three children:

Kakande, now deceased; Musa Bayola, 5 and Aniwel-Twaha Ssekitto, 6, who responded to treatment and recovered after a few hours.

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Zibondo said they referred two of the children to Sierra International Medical Centre, also located in Seeta town.

"We suspect that the smoke from the charcoal stove and the cooking oil reduced the levels of oxygen in the room and suffocated the occupants," he said.

Zibondo said Namyalo was out of danger, although she was still weak.

Jonan Kaddu, a medical officer who attended to the two children, Bayola and Ssekitto, also said they had responded to the treatment and recovered.

The father of the children, Twaha Kibirige, who is a teacher, was reportedly not in the house when the incident occurred.