

## Fire outbreak kills grandmother, 2 schoolboys in Sokoto



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**SOKOTO —Fire has claimed the lives of three residents, an elderlywoman and two school-boys in Gobirawa, a densely populated area of Sokoto metropolis.**

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**The late elderly woman was a wife to late Alhaji Sodangi Gobirawa, former Group Managing Director of Lukuyawa Trading Company.**

**According to the report, the fire was intentionally ignited by yet to be identified suspect at Furniture factory attached to the building.**

**The fire, which spread burnt down seven houses, with the victims not able to salvage anything. Another account said the inferno was triggered by a sudden upsurge of electricity.**

**It was gathered that within minutes, flames had engulfed the houses, giving little room for escape as thick smoke and heat overwhelmed those trapped inside.**

**Neighbours, who rushed to the scene, described harrowing moments of helplessness as they tried, unsuccessfully, to save the victims.**

**“We heard shouts and saw fire everywhere. By the time we got there, we could do anything, it was already too late.” said a resident,**