

# Fire claims toddler in Jos

A three-year-old girl, Sarah Jonah, was killed on Tuesday in a fire incident in Sabon-Bariki, Jos South Local Government of Plateau State.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the incident, which occurred at about 5.45 a.m. on Tuesday, also razed property worth millions of Naira.

An eye witness, Mr. Pam Dung, told NAN on Tuesday in Jos that the fire killed the little girl while she was still sleeping.

Dung said some good samaritans tried to rescue the trapped girl but were prevented by the fire.

He said the Bukuru Fire Station was informed about the incident but were unable to arrive the scene in time to save the girl and the property.

When contacted for

comments, the Deputy Director of Plateau Fire Service, Mr. Samuel Nzwat, confirmed the incident.

He, however, said his men could not rescue the girl because the fire engine

had a mechanical fault at the Bukuru Station.

Nzwat said fire fighting vehicles were deployed to the scene from the Government House Fire Service Unit and Masallacin Juma'a Station.

## No regrets confiscating traders' wares—Kaduna Commissioner

THE Kaduna State Government on Tuesday said it had no regrets confiscating items from road side traders in Kaduna metropolis.

The state government recently set up a task force as part of its efforts to remove traders from the streets.

Speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Mr. Yohanna Allamagani, the state's Commissioner for Environment and Natural resources, said the seizures followed the traders' failure to abide by the law.

He said the traders had been warned many times to stop displaying their wares on the streets.

The commissioner advised them to move their wares back to the markets to ensure free flow of traffic on the streets.

"The taskforce on street decongestion had lost count of the number times traders' items were seized and returned to them," he said.

He said the items were initially returned following an agreement that they would not return to the streets.

He appealed to members of the public to always contact fire service officers immediately through the following GSM Numbers: 08036141592, 08068129854 and 08039732731.

The commissioner said the auctioning of the seized wares was to serve as deterrent to others who still display their goods on the streets.

Allamagani denied allegations that seized items were stolen by members of the task force saying, "the traders are only trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill."

Meanwhile, Mr. Godi Ama, an electronics merchant, has urged the state government to enact laws guiding the display of wares outside stores to avoid seizures. (N