

Family of six die in inferno

A family of six; a father, wife and their four children including a two year old, were roasted to death by a fire that gutted their house in the early hours of Monday.

The incident which occurred in Birnin Kudu local government area of Jigawa state, completely razed down the family house of the deceased.

Daily Trust quotes the deceased's neighbours as saying that the fire which was sparked by an electric upsurge, gutted the newly completed family house of the deceased, killing all his four children and wife.

Late Danjuma Hassan was a theatre staff of the Federal Medical Centre, Birnin Kudu and was said to have been burnt to ashes along with all his children in the inferno.

An eyewitness said they spent several hours trying to put off the fire ignited by a spark that occurred after an up surging light was released by PHCN in the district.

The deceased's wife, Hajiya Mariya Muhammad, died along with her four children namely Abdulmalik, Abdulateef, Sumaiya and little Aisha.

A hysterical relative told our reporter in tears that the incident was unfortunate and a destiny they all lived to accept.

Malam Kabir Birninkudu said that all the four children were spending their holidays

From Hassan A Karofi, Dutse

with their grand mother until the night of the incident when the parents insisted to return them back home on the fateful night.

'They brought them back yesterday night (Monday), hours before the incident happened, not knowing that that will be their last night on earth,' he said.

Malam Magaji Zarenawa, a vigilante officer who spotted the fire while on duty, said he tried to wake up his neighbour as they persistently did their best to save them but 'all efforts failed as we could not save them,' he

added.

'We have tried, but we could not save them as we were only able to save two bodies who were already dead,' he said.

The entire Birninkudu community was thrown into mourning over the unfortunate incident that led to the burning of Danjuma and his entire family.

Confirming the incident ASP Nwakalor Ejike, the police public relations officer, said already investigation is on to unravel the cause of the unfortunate accident.

No fire service was in the scene of the inferno up to the time of going to press.

Mu'azu declares for Presidency

From Tashikalmah Hallah, Bauchi

After much speculations over his presidential aspiration, governor of Bauchi state, Ahmed Adamu Mu'azu, has finally thrown his hat into the presidential ring saying, "a younger generation will not afford to fail the country".

Mu'azu, while receiving another presidential aspirant and the governor of Cross River state, Donald Duke, said that he was aware of the enormous task ahead, but said that the younger generation is ready for the challenge, stressing that "we're ready to consolidate on what the PDP government of President Olusegun Obasanjo has laid.

However, his declaration

for the presidency runs contrary to his campaign posters pasted in the towns of Bauchi state advertising him for the Senate. Some of the campaign posters read "2007 Mu'azu for Senate".

He said of his presidential ambition as "before he [Duke] declared [for president], he came to my house and informed me about it. And it is a source of motivation for us to serve the country. He is also as he said, aware that at most, we are likely going in for the same thing".

"But I want you to know what he has said in his speech.