

Couple die in fire outbreak

A couple, Malam Bala and his wife, died in fire outbreak in Gummi, Gummi Local Government Area of Zamfara State, at the weekend in which several others were wounded. The fire incident, which happened on Saturday night, was said to have been caused by a spark from a PHCN cable in the house. The fire destroyed four neighbouring houses and property worth thousands of naira before it was put out by some people in the area. The *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) reports that three children of the deceased and two others were among those who sustained injuries and are now receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Gummi. Alhaji Shehu Dandare, chairman, Gummi Local Government Council, paid a condolence visit to the family of the deceased and prayed the Almighty God to grant the deceased eternal rest. Dandare said the council would provide relief materials to the victims as they had lost their property in the inferno. He said the council would also renovate the houses affected by the disaster as parts of the council's social responsibility to the victims. The chairman urged people in the area to avoid illegal connection of electricity and switch off all electrical appliances while asleep.