

Man loses four children in fire

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A man, Umar Bashir, lost four children when a fire swept through his apartment at Abattoir Quarters in Katsina Monday. Our correspondent who visited the scene yesterday observed that the dead children were not burnt, sug-

gesting that they might have died as a result excess inhalation of smoke.

The fire which was suspected to have been caused by candle light at around 10pm consumed the entire apartment.

The children including a 12 month old baby were sleeping in their mother's bedroom. The parents were not with

them at the time. Efforts by the parents to rescue them when the fire broke were futile.

The father told our correspondent that his children might have died of suffocation as none of them was burnt directly by the fire. He said Sa'adatu 9, Hanafi 6, Abubakar and a year old Faruk died in the incident.