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Borno tragedy: Mother, 5 kids burnt to death

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Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

Tragedy struck at the early hours of yesterday in Ruwan-Safi area of Maiduguri when a pregnant woman and her five children died in an inferno that engulfed their building. The fire, Weekly Trust gathered from residents, was caused by an incense burner, when the embers fell on the floor of the sitting-room and spread to other rooms including the room where the woman children were sleeping.

The 30-year-old woman who is identified as Hajiya Aisha Dungus was said to have put the incense burner in the living room before going to bed with her children to sleep. The names of the five children were given as Umu, Fatima, Hauwa, Baba Yunus and Alhaji.

According to Jubril Yunusa, an elder brother to the woman's husband the fire incident started around 12:30 am and engulfed six rooms in the compound. "It happened around midnight when we were all asleep. We tried to save them but before we could break in, the fire had already engulfed the entire living room and spread to other rooms," he said.

Dungus and her children were around 10 am yesterday buried, according to Islamic rites.

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