

Four die in Gombe fire incident

From Muhammad Abubakar, Gombe

A midnight fire on Tuesday, claimed four persons and destroyed property worth millions of naira, including eight houses in Garin Baraya Village of Yamaltu Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State.

Confirming the incident to

our correspondent yesterday, the Operations Officer of the state's Fire Service, Mr. Solomon Burga, said the fire started soon after the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) restored power.

He therefore advised that people should always endeavour to switch off their electrical

appliances immediately there is a power outage.

Burga also cautioned against women against leaving stoves on in their kitchens, after cooking, saying fire incidents were rampant during this period. Our correspondent reports that this is the second major fire outbreak in the area in the past one year.

Hisbah sacks girlfriend killer

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

THE Kano State Hisbah has announced the dismissal of one of its officers, Muhammad, who was recently arrested by the police for allegedly killing his estranged lover in the Indabawa area of Kano metropolis in January.

A statement issued yesterday by the Director General of the shari'ah law enforcement agency, Dr. Sa'idu Ahmad Dukawa, said Dayyabu Muhammad's act was despicable.

He said the suspect was summarily dismissed from the agency based on the act and pleaded with

the general public, not to allow the isolated incident to change their views about the Hisbah board and its personnel.

Muhammad, who was attached to the Kano Municipal Local Government Command of Hisbah, was accused of stabbing to death his lover, Hauwa Ibrahim, popularly known as Delu, on January 11, because her parents refused to give their consent to their marriage. The Hisbah official was alleged to have sneaked into Delu's room in her parent's Indabawa residence and hacked her to death. He then fled the state to Zaria, where he was arrested two weeks later.