Kaduna fire: Death toll rises to five

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

Survivor of the Kaduna fire that claimed the lives of four children, died on Friday evening, Public Relations Officer of St. Gerald's Hospital, Sunday John Ali, said yesterday.

The family of Aminu Mohammed of Faskari road, Makera, Kakuri in Kaduna State lost three of their children and a friend's child to the Thursday night fire. Ali, who confirmed the death of five-year-old Abdulrahman Mohammed in a telephone interview, said he (Abdulrahman) was

confirmed dead around 6pm on Friday.

"The boy was confirmed dead around 6pm on Friday evening after our doctors battled to save his life. Before then, he was responding to treatment but only Gods knows what happened along the line. He had 80-85 degree burns which is very severe," he added.

He added that the family has since taken away the body for burial.

4 gunmen, not soccer fans, killed in Mubi – Army

From Ibrahim Abdul'Aziz,Yola

Four gunmen were killed in Mubi-Local Government Area of Adamawa State when suspected terrorists attacked troops deployed in the area to maintain peace and order, Commander of the 23rd Armoured Brigade of the Army, Major General John Nwaoga, has said. Nwaoga, who denied reports that soldiers killed soccer fans in the area, said the gunmen attacked the troop, and that during the gun battle, four insurgents were killed.

"A JTF personnel was injured during the exchange of fire, no civilian casualty was recorded," he said.

He added that the army are law abiding citizens, and would not

engage in extra judiciary killings.

General Nwaoga said the military intervention in Mubi was aimed at flushing out "notorious elements in the town which has been under siege by suspected gunmen."

He however reiterated the resolve and commitment of the military, police and State Security Service to rid Mubi of criminals.

