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## FATHER, BABY DIE IN KEBBI FIRE

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A fire incident in Jega, Kebbi State, killed a 33-year-old man and his 18-months-old baby, Daily Trust gathered.

The deceased father, Musa Danlabbo, who narrated the incident to newsmen yesterday, said the fire started around 12 midnight on Sunday due to a power surge in the deceased residence at Shiyar Kara, Tudun Nupawa in Jega town.

"My son, Bashir Musa died around 3 am at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Birnin Kebbi, while the baby, my grandchild, Sagir Bashir died instantly. His pregnant wife, who survived the fire has been discharged from hospital and is currently mourning the death of her husband and baby. We have reported the incident to the PHCN, but up till now we have not seen any of their officials, it is only the chairman of Jega Local Government Haruna Mai Jega who paid us a condolence visit and promised to take our case to the government," Danlabbo said.

But the Business Manager of PHCN in Jega, Bashir Umar said PHCN was not responsible for the fire.

"There was power outage in Jega when the incident occurred. There was load shedding, so we isolated power from the area, leaving only Argungu with power. Power was restored in Jega around 4pm, long after the incident occurred, so PHCN was not the cause of the fire," he said.

Executive Director, Kebbi State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Alhaji Yahaya Jega confirmed the incident.

He however added that the agency cannot ascertain the cause of the fire until it receives a detailed report.

The Head of Clinical Service, Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Dr Aisha Nana Adamu said Musa died shortly after he was brought to the hospital around 3:25am.

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