

## EARLY MORNING FIRE KILLS 4 FAMILY MEMBERS

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Tragedy struck early yesterday morning when four members of a family were killed by a fire which engulfed their home on Kusai Road, Kabala Doki area of Kaduna, Weekly Trust reports.

The head of the household, identified as Abdullahi Musa, a staff of Kaduna Polytechnic, was killed in the fire along with his wife, Hadiza and two of their children, Khalifa and Sadiq.

Our correspondent, who visited the scene of the fire, was greeted by a horde of sympathisers, who were shocked by the incident as some cried profusely while others gazed at the burnt house in astonishment.

Still in a state of shock, KamarAbdulah, a nephew of the deceased man, who described the late Abdullahi as his father and the children as his younger siblings, said only Allah knows the cause of the fire.

"He is my father's junior brother and I have lived with them since I was two years-old. On that faithful night, I was having a discussion with them before I left the house around 10.30pm because I do not sleep in the house," he narrated.

"Around 12am, I was called that there was a fire at the house, when I got to there, the whole place was engulfed by fire, I called out to them, but there was no response from any of them," Kamar added in tears.

He said: "Their character could be judged by the way and manner their neighbours reacted when the house was on fire, they showed so much zeal and tried at utmost best to put out the fire, but Allah knows best and that is why they could not do so."

Director, State Fire Service, Adamu Kadam said the incident was reported to their office late Friday night and his men rushed to the scene and at the time of their arrival, they discovered that the fire had already enveloped the whole building.

He said an electrical fault caused the fire and added that investigation has commenced into the matter.

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