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An early morning mysterious fire has razed a house on Umoh Orok Street in Calabar South area of Cross River State, claiming the life of the landlady, an elderly widow.

According to the daughter of the deceased, Mary Daniels, the incident happened about 2am yesterday when all the occupants of the house, including herself and the aged mother, were sleeping.



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Mary said she could not explain how and when the fire started, but certainly not from any electrical appliances because there had been power outage in that part of town for a long time.

Explaining how the fire progressed, Mary said, "We were all fast asleep about 2 am when one of our tenants returned from work. He said he saw the fire was raging over the house, and he had to forcibly

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open the doors and found that we were still asleep. We now had to raise alarm to wake other neighbours for help. My mother was then dragged out by helpful neighbours. She had been severely burnt but did not die immediately. We could barely recover any household items before the fire burnt down our house.”

Neighbours and friends of Mary said there had been a tussle over the house over time by interested persons.



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