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Mother, 4 children die in late night inferno

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A midnight fire yesterday razed a house at Malam Inna quarters of Gombe metropolis, killing a woman and her four children.

Daily Trust learnt that the victims, a housewife, her infant child and three step-children were asleep when the incident occurred.

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The inferno was believed to have started around 3am when electricity supply was restored there.

Witnesses said the family members were trapped in the house because it has only one entrance with burglar proof windows and they could not escape high degree of burns from the fire.

Our correspondent who visited the area around 10 am, reports that the men of the Gombe State Fire Service had to break the wall before they could get access into the house.

Daily Trust gathered that at the time of the incident, the husband of the deceased was not at home, as he was said to have spent the night at the house of his first wife located in a different part of the metropolis.

The Public Relations Officer of the state fire service, Malam Haruna Wambai, confirmed the incident, saying by the time they overcame the fire and got access to the house, they found all the five occupants dead.

Malam Wambai added that they could not ascertain the cause of the fire as there was no survivor to tell them how the fire started.



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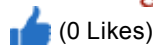
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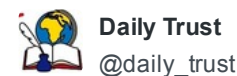
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