

Fire claims 5 members of same family in Plateau

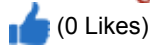
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An early morning fire yesterday claimed five members of the same family in Bukuru metropolis of Jos-South Local Government Area in Plateau State.

The deceased include 35-year-old Adam, his wife Maryam and their three kids; Abdul, Ibrahim and Fatima.

The couple's first child, Amina, who has been living with her grandparents is the only surviving member of the family.

An eyewitness said neighbours were alerted about the fire around 3:30am from the poorly constructed wooden kitchen of their one-bedroom apartment.

Our correspondent who visited the area at Madaki Street, observed that the fire had extended to a neighbour's house.

Another neighbour, Yusuf Abubakar, said they were finally able to put out the fire around 4am but the family had already been consumed.

Plateau State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Tyopev Terna, confirmed the incident and said the deceased had been buried according to Islamic rites.