

Family of 4 killed in Niger fire incident

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Four members of a family have been reportedly burnt to death in a fire incident in Bida, Niger State.

They are two wives and two grandchildren of the owner of the building.

The affected persons were identified as Hajiya Salamatu and Hajiya Jummai Kabaraini while the grandchildren are Hauwa and Khairatu Mahmud Kabaraini.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Monday, throwing the ancient town into mourning. Besides the loss of lives, valuables including moveable and immovable properties were also destroyed by the fire.

The owner of the building,

said to be a prominent indigene of Bida town - Ahmadu Kabaraini is deceased, but head of the family, Sallau Kabaraini, said the cause of the fire could not be immediately ascertained, though it is believed to be connected to an electrical fault in the building.

The Etsu Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, has sent condolence message to the affected family. Represented by the Mayakin Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Mayaki, the Etsu Nupe called on the family members to see the incident as an act of God.

Chief of Imam of Bida, Sheikh Adamu Yakatun, led the funeral prayers as the deceased have been buried according to Islamic rites.