

* 8 family members die in Kaduna inferno

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An inferno has claimed the lives of eight members of a family in Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State.

It was learnt that the fire incident, which occurred in the early hours of Thursday at Anguwar Tankin Taliya in Hayin Ojo of Sabon Gari Local Government Area, engulfed the family in their sleep.

Confirming the incident

yesterday, a neighbour of the family, Mallam Junaidu Mohammed said, "Although we could not ascertain the cause of the inferno, it started around 2am on Thursday when everybody was asleep.

"The heat and noise woke us up and we tried our best to put out the fire with the help of young Good Samaritans, but we could not rescue the family.

"All efforts to get the fire service to the scene of the incident were not

successful," Mohammed said.

The elder brother to the head of the family, Adamu Mohammed, known as Ado Kamfani, confirmed that those who lost their lives in the inferno included his brother, Mallam Rabi'u Mohammed, his wife, Fatima and their six children—Rabiatu, Ibrahim, Abubakar, Hauwa'u, Hindatu and Umar, who was 34 days old.

"We could not identify the cause of the fire

since it occurred in the early hours when people were asleep, and nobody survived to tell the story of what happened. The whole house was completely burnt," he said.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that the eight family members have since been buried according to Islamic rite.

Efforts to speak to the head of the Fire Service in the area proved abortive as he was not in office when our correspondent visited.