Man, wife, die in fire outbreak

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A 67-year-old man, Muhammad Uba and his wife, 52-year-old Fatima Muhammad, died in a fire outbreak in Kano, yesterday.

The incident occurred at the Rangaza (Inken) Layin AU area of Ungogo Local Government Area.

The spokesperson of the Kano command of the Nigeria Fire Service, Saminu Yusif Abdullahi, said the control room received an emergency call for assistance at 1:45am from one of its staff, FS Ahmad Abubakar, who was informed of the fire incident.

He said: "The crew on duty from Bompai fire station were

mobilised to the area where the incident happened. They arrived at the scene about 1:51am and found that the fire had been successfully controlled.

"The fire broke out at the ground floor of about 50 feet used as a dwelling house. Two rooms were engulfed. A 67-year-old man named Muhammad Uba and his wife, Fatima of about 52, were trapped by smoke. They were brought out unconscious with burns in some parts of their bodies, but later confirmed dead."

Abdullahi added that the corpses were later handed over to the ward head of Rangaza, Muhammad Auwalu Rayyanu, and noted that the incident was under investigation.