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**T**RAGEDY struck in Kaduna yesterday when a family of 11 perished in a fire incident that gutted their residence at the Bakin-Ruwa area of the metropolis. The incident threw the state into mourning.

An eye-witness said the fire started at about 4:30 a.m. in the one-storey building, claiming the lives of one Alhaji Lawal, his wife, seven children and a relation and her baby who visited them.

The inferno, which was said to have been caused by an electrical fault, trapped the entire family on the ground floor.

Their neighbours who managed to escape unhurt however lost all their property to the fire which reportedly lasted for over an hour.

Men of the fire service were said to have arrived at the scene late even as neighbours

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made desperate efforts to put out the fire but without success.

According to one Madam Habiba, a neighbour of the deceased who escaped unhurt but lost all her belongings to the fire: "It was not possible for the family to escape because the fire started from their floor. It started from the entrance of the house, so they were

trapped. We immediately called the fire service and did everything possible to quench the fire but it was beyond our efforts. The fire service men came very late to put out the fire."

Meanwhile, the state governor Alhaji Namadi Sambo has visited the victims of the incident to condole with them as well as the relations of the family which survived the incident.