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Fire razes house, kills three-year-old girl in Dutse

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IT was a day of grief for Sergeant Daniel Jalmet Namu and his spouse Paulina on Wednesday night when fire outbreak suspected to have been triggered by electrical fault killed their three-year-old daughter, Faith, in their two-bedroom apartment located at Takur Adua in Dutse.

Namu told The Guardian that he was in Kano on an official duty with the Joint Task Force (JTF) as one of the crack force checkmating the activities of the insurgents, so he was not at home to know what exactly was the cause of the fire.

He said he was alerted by a neighbour that his house was on fire at about 10.30pm, adding that later the same neighbour called again to inform him that his daughter died in the fire incidence.

He said he instructed that everything should be put on hold till he returns on Thursday morning for the burial.

Namu lamented that he lost everything to the fire and his family now squats with their neighbour.

According to eyewitnesses, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) brought electricity in a flash and it went off. A minute later when it was restored it sparked off an inferno suspected to be triggered by electrical fault in the wiring system.

Paulina who was relaxing outside was jolted when her other children rushed out to alert her that the house was on fire.

By the time they remembered that Faith was sleeping inside the room, it was too late as smoke from the smoldering properties in the room had choked her.

Not even the efforts of neighbors to rescue her after breaking the burglary-proof on the window could save her.

She was rescued unconscious from the room and rushed to the hospital but the doctor confirmed her dead.

Paulina, the mother of the deceased could not hold back her tears as she wailed uncontrollably. She expressed shock over her daughter's death who she described as the last born very dear to her heart.

According to her, she was relaxing outside when the fire broke out as her other children came screaming not knowing that Faith was sleeping right inside the inferno.

The little girl was buried at the cemetery by members of the All Saints Protestant Church in Takur Adua, Dutse.

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