

Family Of Five Killed In Inferno In Abeokuta

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A fire outbreak on Sunday took the lives of the Managing Director of Long Life Foam, Deji Ewuoso, and his four daughters at their residence in Government Reservation Area (GRA), Ibara, Abeokuta.

The relatives of Ewuoso, particularly his aged father, had pleaded with him to re-

turn to the country from his overseas job to manage the family's fortune.

The elderly Ewuoso is an industrialist in the metropolis.

Eyewitnesses recounted that the fire, which razed the twin duplex, started about 1 a.m. when members of the family were asleep.

Fire service officials came one hour after neighbours had called them, but ran out

of water 20 minutes after they began to put out the fire.

The victim and his four daughters, whose ages ranged between four and 10 years, died.

The wife escaped, having jumped out of the building into a car in the compound. She sustained serious injuries.

Ewuoso initially escaped, but went back into the

building to rescue his daughters.

The fire service officials took the corpses to the mortuary of the General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta.

Before they returned with another water tanker at 6 a.m., the fire had spread to the second duplex, whose residents escaped with some of their belongings.

The fire was put out at 8 a.m.