

In Benin, Fire Razes House, Consumes Family

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A housewife, her two children and properties worth thousands of naira, have been consumed by fire, which razed a storey-building situated at No.22B Konkord Hotel Road, off Erediauwa Street by Ekewan Road, Benin City.

Daily Independent gathered that the inferno started at about 4.00 p.m in an apartment of a banker, who is the husband of the deceased woman and father of the kids.

It was also gathered that frantic efforts were made by residents of the area to rescue those trapped in the flats only to discover the burnt bodies of the woman and the kids in the bathroom after the fire had subsided.

Though the identity of the late woman could not be confirmed, it was learnt however that she is from the South East geo political zone of the country.

It was further gathered that the banker husband of the late woman was robbed of his car about three weeks ago, when he was about to enter the compound, before the disaster struck last Monday.

Investigations also revealed that the two top flats of the one-storey building that was consumed by the fire is owned by an ex-international footballer, who had earlier played for Bendel Insurance Football Club of Benin in mid 80s.

Meanwhile, Edo State Governor, Prof. Oserheimen Osunbor, on Thursday in Benin City inaugurated the State Consultative Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises Policy and tasked members to see their appointment as a challenge to contribute to the socio-economic development of the state and eradicate the menace of unemployment.

The governor explained that the committee would be used by the state government to champion the implementation of small and medium scale enterprises policy as well as to disburse micro credit to small cottage industrialists.