

# Generator Explosion Kills Family Of 12 In Kano

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**RESIDENTS** of Kano, the Kano State capital, were thrown into mourning on Wednesday night when fire claimed 12 lives mostly guests at a naming ceremony scheduled for Thursday.

The victims, all burnt beyond recognition, came from different parts of the state to Chiranchi Quarters in Kano.

Eyewitness account hinted that the fire, which razed the storey building, venue of the aborted ceremony came from a

generating set.

It was said to have exploded as fuel was being poured into the tank while the engine was on.

The explosion, it was gathered, resulted in huge ball of fire, which consumed the entire block.

Alleging mystery into the fire which occurred at about 10.30 p.m., a source within the neighborhood, who refused to be named, told our correspondent that during the explosion, frantic efforts were made to extinguish the fire.

The source stated further that to the surprise of everyone the

fire resurfaced an hour later and engulfed the first floor of the storey building.

It was learnt that the victims were family members of one Kabiru Boss from Nafada area of Gombe State, who was in Kano to attend the naming of his new born baby, Umaru Kabiru.

Among the dead were the mother of Chairman of Nafada Local Government Council and four members of his family, all from Nafada.

Their ages range between 10 and 38 years. Also dead included the wife of Kabiru Boss and her

four children.

The baby, whose naming resulted in the disaster, Umaru Kabiru, however survived as he was rescued by a Good Samaritan.

Shortly after the incident, scores of sympathisers thronged the scene to console the surviving members of the family.

The bereaved, Kabiru Boss, was a former staff of Oando Plc.

Neighbours blamed the disaster on the inefficiency of the state fire service, which they claimed were notified about the outbreak early enough, but did little to salvage the situation.