

# Man mourns as fire consumes wife, three kids

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A MAN, MOHAMMED Kabir, has lamented over the fire incident which claimed the lives of his wife, Fatima, and three children at Angwa Chiroma in Bauchi metropolis on Monday, describing the incident as shocking and devastated.

Narrating his ordeal to *Daily Independent*, Kabir, a staff of Ministry of Justice, said the fire started in the early hours of the morning from faults of electrical appliances.

According to him, the incident occurred following a leakage by some appliances in Fatima's room which resulted in fire when PHCN restored power.

The three children are Hajia, aged four; Hussena, aged three; and Hajara aged six months who is still breast feeding, while Fatima was 25 years.

Kabir said: "I was inside my room when my first son, who slept in the parlour with his other two siblings, started shouting 'fire, fire', and by the time I came out, the fire has gutted Fatima's room where she slept with her other three children.

"Before we could get help from the Fire Service, the fire had extended to the whole building and my wife and children who were inside the room where the fire started were killed, but the other three kids and my two wives escaped".

He stated that the fire incident was an act of Allah and prayed for their soul to rest in perfect peace.

When our correspondent visited the house sympathisers were calling to condole the family, even as they shook their heads and some openly shed tears when they saw the house reduced to rubbles.