

Fire kills family of three in Bauchi

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A FAMILY of three lost their lives on the eve of Eid-el-Kabir at Magama Gumou in Toro Council area of Bauchi State, following a fire disaster that occurred in their residence.

The deceased are one Nazif Abudullahi; his wife, Aisha, and their eight-

month-old baby.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the fire incident was due to an electrical fault in the house of the deceased.

He said the fire, which started at around 2.am, went out of control and all attempt to put it off by neighbours proved abortive.

According to him, "the fire

started around 2.am when all the neighbours were asleep. Suddenly there was this loud bang that woke some of us from sleep.

"We then went to the affected house to help them, but it was already late. On our arrival, the fire had already gone out of control and there was nothing anybody could do to salvage the situation or even rescue

the victims".

He added that the bodies of the deceased persons had been buried according to Islamic rite.

When Daily Independent contacted the Fire Brigade authorities in the state to confirm the incident, there was nobody in the office and their lines were unavailable at the time of filing this report.