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Fire kills man, wife, child in Kaduna

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A FIRE outbreak in the early hours of Monday in the southern part of Kaduna metropolis has claimed the lives of Musa Abdullah and two other members of his family.

The inferno, which started at about 1.am in Barnawa area of Kaduna South council area, razed more than half of the three bedroom flat before neighbours were able to bring it under control.

The incident, according to an eyewitness, might have been caused by a candle light that was not properly put out before the family went to bed.

The eyewitness, who did not want his name in print, said: "It was around midnight when neighbours heard the shouting and wailing of the deceased Mallam Musa, asking for help. But all efforts made to rescue them was abortive as their doors were locked.

"When the door was finally forced open, it was found that Mallam Musa and his wards had got burnt while trying to make an effort to open the door.

"His wife, Sadiya, who was fast asleep was burnt to death. By her right hand side was her little one-year-old Aisha, who also got burnt. We found her lying lifelessly by her mother."

He added that nothing was left of the family's belongings as everything was burnt.

The deceased little sister, Maryam, who stayed with them, but slept in another room, ran out before the roof caved in. She is the only survivor of the fire.

However, the dead had already been buried according to Islamic rites.

Ojukwu: Y Ohanaeze

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THE leadership of Ohanaeze Ndigbo has faulted claims by Bianca Ojukwu that they neither visited her late husband, Dim Chukwue-meka Odumegwu Ojukwu, while he was sick in London, nor paid condolence to the family since his death.

Speaking through the National Publicity Secretary, Ralph Ndigwe, Ohanaeze Ndigbo said Bianca's statement makes it obvious that some people were deliberately misinforming her.

Ndigwe recalled that he visited Ojukwu in London on three occasions and on each occasion delivered a get-well message to him on behalf of Ohanaeze as directed by the President General, Ambassador Ralph Uwaechue.

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Curfew relaxed in Kano

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