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TWO students of the College of Education, Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State Tuesday were burnt to death in their sleep when their private hostel allegedly went up in flames.

The victims, simply identified as Favour and Ndidi, were said to be of the same family from Obiaruku in Ukwuani Local Government Area of the state.

They were said to have returned to the hostel located close to the old campus of the institution on Monday evening for a new academic session after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Although the cause of the fire which was said to have started at about midnight could not be ascertained, it however reduced the six-room apartment hostel to the ground.

Their roasted bodies were later discovered after men of the Delta State Fire Service had put out the fire. A fortunate occupant of the hostel, one Aseguo said the victims came into their room late and as such, those who noticed the fire early could not determine if there were persons in the rooms.

According to him, "I just returned from the holiday. I lost everything in this room. The inferno did not spare any property in the other rooms too".

At the Agbor Divisional Police Station, eyewitness confirmed the incident and added that the corpses of the victims were deposited at the mortuary of the Central Hospital in Agbor.

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