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Residents Curse Landlord, Tenants Over Death Of Three Children

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Residents of Shasha, a densely populated community in Akowonjo area of Lagos have continued to reign curses on the landlord and tenants of No 20, Fakoya street, for allegedly looking the other way while three children were being roasted.

Daily Independent re-called that on Saturday, Ugoma Patrick (9), Emeka Patrick (7) and Ifeoma Patrick (3) died in a cruelest manner, when a candle lit by their father, Ndubuisi Patrick caught fire.

Some residents, who lamented to our correspondent on Monday also said that the father of the kids is a bus conductor with Dana Transport Limited at Oshodi;

Lagos on that fateful day arrived home from work at about 10pm and gave the children food. He was said to have lit the candle and locked Ugoma, Emeka and Ifeoma in the room from outside, when he went to visit their mother in hospital who had just been delivered of a baby.

However, it was observed that from Vulcanizer bus-stop, through Samuel Ajayi to Fakoya Street, where the incident occurred residents, especially the women cried and openly abused the landlord and the tenants of the old, dilapidated building.

Madam Okechi, a resident of the area for instance, wondered aloud why the tenants, who live close to the room where the children where, could not force the door

open to rescue them, when they perceived odour from the burning PHCN cables, coming from the room.

Speaking on the incident, Rev Oyekola Samuel, the 72-year-old landlord of the house, who lives with his family upstairs in the same building, said his wife woke him up at about 11p.m to inform him about the fire.

His words: Even with the fact that I was recently discharged from the hospital, I came down to take up a bucket and drew water from the well to put out the fire.

However, residents are calling on the police to arrest the five tenants who live near the one room apartment where they were locked in.

Also speaking with our correspondent, Mrs Ozuah, the Headmistress of Delben School, located at No 25, Fakoya Street, Shasha said that Ugoma was in Basic 2, Emeka in Nursery 2, while Ifeoma was in KG 1.

Her words: I am still shocked by the manner these lovely and intelligent children died.

Kenneth Nwosu Lagos police image maker when contacted on the arrest of the tenant said no arrest has been made by the police from Shasha police station, the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. He however said that the remains of the children have been deposited by the police at the mortuary.