



SAPELE – Tragedy struck in the home of a single mother of two in Sapele and it claimed the life of the two children.

The incident took place Sunday night at about 9.00pm and lasted till about 10.00pm at a building located directly opposite an eatery along Akintola Road.

It was gathered that that the single mother went to sell her wares and left her two children at home and went to a nearby hotel that has club after lighting a candle in her house as there was no electricity

The candle were said to have melted and ignited materials in the room while the children were fast asleep.

The inferno raged on and entered the adjoining room where there was a small gas cylinder that exploded, burning the two children beyond recognition.

A relation that was in the room with the children was lucky he was rescued with some degree of burns and taken to the hospital.

An eyewitness that pleaded anonymity said they were watching television two buildings away from the incident when a child ran to them shouting that there was fire in a nearby building.

Efforts to put the fire off failed but rescuers to no avail but were able to rescue one person, before they could put off the fire, there was an explosion.

It took the effort of the state fire service to stop the fire and prevent it from spreading to other rooms at the compound where the single mother resides.

As at the time of visit, the charred remains of the children have not been removed.

All attempt to reach the single mother and police to comment on the incident proved abortive.



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