

## 3 Siblings Killed In Fire Outbreak

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Three children of the same parents, Tuesday night lost their lives in a fire outbreak that engulfed their flat at No M8 Chikun Street, Trikania new extension, Kaduna south local government area of Kaduna State.

Two blocks of flats in the compound which houses 4 blocks of 2 bedroom flats were completely razed while the other 2 flats were not affected due to the efforts of fire fighters and neighbours who prevented the fire from spreading to the buildings.

The three children, Frederick Kure, 8; Nana Kure, 6; and Israel Kure, 13 months, who were completely burnt were said to have been sleeping in the flat where the fire started.

When LEADERSHIP visited the scene, it was gathered that the mother of the children, Mrs Jamima Kure, also sustained first degree burns and was taken to the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Shika, where she was presently receiving treatment. An occupant of one of the flats, Mrs Mary Ogbemudia, who spoke to

our correspondent, attributed the inferno to high power voltage restored to the area between when the Power Holding Company of Nigeria restored the light at about 9-10pm, Tuesday.

"I was inside breast feeding my baby when I heard people screaming fire, fire, fire and calling for help. I quickly rushed out and saw that the flat where the fire started from was completely covered with smoke.

"There were five of them in the flat but only one the daughters managed to escape unhurt. Three of them died while their mother who was helped out through the window by fire fighters and neighbours sustained severe burns and has been taken to the hospital."

Another neighbour, Mr Joseph Dangana Abet, also attributed the incident to high power voltage restored to the area by the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN).

He said the father of the deceased, Mr Simon Danmagaji Kure, a staff of the PHCN in Lafia, Nasarawa State, was not in Kaduna when the incident occurred but had since returned home after receiving the news.