

Fire Razes Building, Kills 2 Children B

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A mysterious fire incident wreaked havoc yesterday in Agege area of Lagos State, razing a building and killing two children.

LEADERSHIP FRIDAY understands that the children were burnt to death when flames from a lit candle spread through their 12, Adebari Street, Agege, home, where they lived with their parents.

Nosirat, 7, one of the deceased children, was a primary one pupil of Starland Private School, Agege; while Basit, 5, was a nursery one pupil of the same school.

Lodging a complaint at the Elere Divisional Headquarters, Agege, the mother of the children, identified as 'Mama Nosirat', said a candle

light caused the inferno that killed her children.

"I am a trader selling kerosene and bread outside. After I had closed shop for the day, I kept a 25-litre can of kerosene inside while I lit a candle and placed it on the freezer, since there was no electricity supply.

"My children and their father were sleeping and I then went to buy mosquito coil, but before I could return, the house was on fire. I saw my husband outside without the children and by then there was no way for me to go inside to rescue them."

An eye witness, Ganiyu Ayoola, said: "I managed to run out with my wife and two children, with only my pant on. These clothes I am wearing were given to me by Supol Fatoki, a neighbour".

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