

INFERNO: Gas Fire Roasts Family, 3 Others

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Tears flowed freely from the eyes of sympathisers on Monday when a cooking gas fire burnt six members of a family to death at Tolu in Ajegunle area of Lagos State.

Three other family members affected were said to be in critical condition and were rushed to a general hospital.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the family lived in one of the flats on the first floor of a three-storey building.

The head of the family identified as Mr Obi was said to have been struggling to save his family when the fire allegedly consumed him, his wife, wife's sister, two of their children, and another member of the family.

One of the deceased was identified simply as Isaac, a student of Tolu Millenium Senior High School, Tolu.

Most of the victims were said to have burnt beyond recognition.

Sympathisers were said to have tried in vain to save the members of the family before Lagos State Fire and Safety Services arrived at the scene and put out the fire.

Policemen attached to Area 'B' Apapa Area Command and Tolu Police Station were also at the scene to provide security.