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Two children of same parents yesterday in Kaduna were burnt to death by a mysterious fire outbreak. The only surviving minor of the three children who was burnt beyond recognition, clung to life for a while at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) before succumbing to death.

The incident occurred at SB 4 Shagali Close, Kabala West, Kaduna in the early hours of yesterday. The 30-year-old father of the children, Hassan Usman, told LEADERSHIP at the scene, "We were sleeping around 12 am when I started inhaling smoke in the bedroom, while the three children were asleep in the parlor, on getting there, I saw them crying and calling my name for help. The fire was so intense and the more I approached them, the more the fire become intense, and before I could overpower the fire, the two of them (both girls) had died.

"Bilkisu is seven and Amira is just about two years old. Fadila who is in critical condition is four. You can see the whole rooms have been razed by fire. Our main worry is that we have lost all our children to the inferno, Fadila will hardly make it as you can see."

The father who was in tears stated that they have been rejected by several hospitals in Kaduna, which includes 44 Military Hospital, St. Gerald Catholic Hospital, Yusuf Dantsoho Memorial Hospital and Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital.

He lamented that "Since around 1 am we kept on going round all these hospitals and they kept on rejecting us. In 44 Military Hospital, the doctor was just busy making calls on his mobile phone as my only surviving daughter was gradually dying, and it was only in Barau Dikko Hospital that one of the nurses helped in putting the drip and we brought her home as you can see. We are very poor, I am an orphan, my father was killed through gas explosion and my twin brother just died and now see what has happened again to me", he said as his tears enveloped him.

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