

# Family loses four children in fire

**I**T was a gory sight as four children of the same parents were burnt in a midnight inferno at Ahima Quarters in Agobor, Ika South Council of Delta State.

The fire which gutted the seven-room apartment started at about 11.00 pm.

One of the dead boys a 15-year old Chinedu Okobu had just gained admission into one of the nation's tertiary institutions while the youngest, Emmanuel, was a primary two pupil.

Others include Masters ThankGod and Ekene.

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The parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs Victor Okobu, reportedly travelled to Orhionmwon Council Area in Edo State where they farm only to return to witness the devastating fate.

However, the cause of the fire has not been established, but further probe revealed that the incident may have been sparked by a candle flame.

When the fire started other residents who escaped unhurt were said to have heard the helpless

shouting "Jesus" but none came to assist them out of raging fire.

The situation was worsened when personnel from the Agbor branch of the state Fire Service could not arrive the scene despite being alerted on time.

The entire building was said to have already caved in by the time the fire men came about 32 minutes later.

Attempts to get the reaction of the Asaba headquarters and Agbor branch of the fire service failed yesterday.