

Two children burnt in Lagos

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TWO siblings and a relation died at the weekend in Isolo, Lagos, when fire gutted their apartment.

The incident occurred at 20/29 Nwachukwu Drive Okota at 11:30 pm on Saturday.

It was learnt that the victims Bella, Divine, and Precious were four, three, and seven. Sources said the kids were asleep when the fire started.

According to an eyewitness, their mother had lit a candle and gone out.

It was gathered that the woman went to buy some items for domestic use but did not return on time.

However, when she returned, she discovered that her room had been engulfed by fire and all efforts to put it out and rescue the children proved abortive.

When *The Nation* contacted Mr. Frank Mba, the state Command's Police Spokesman, he said the incident was reported at the Isolo Police Station, and that policemen were detailed to remove the charred bodies to the Lagos State General Hospital Mortuary.

Mba said though the case was still under investigation, Police suspect that the fire might have been caused by a lit candle, adding, the value of properties destroyed is yet to be ascertained.