

Four die in Lagos fire

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A FAMILY of four suffocated yesterday when fire engulfed its apartment in Mushin, Lagos.

The father, his two sons and visiting mother-in-law were trapped in the fire.

They could not escape because their self-contained apartment has no exit.

There was wailing at 9, Oloje Street, Mushin, as their bodies were brought out by fire fighters.

The cause of the fire, which started from the sitting room, could not be ascertained.

Their bodies have been deposited at the Ikeja General Hospital morgue.

Two get 80 lashes in Kano

From Kolade Adeyemi,
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TWO persons have been sentenced to 80 strokes of the cane each for being drunk in Kano State.

They are Ibrahim Abdulkadir of Galadanchi quarter and Bashir Hamza of Gwammaja quarter.

The offence, according to Shariah Court Judge Abubakar Haruna Khalil, is contrary to the state Penal Code of 2000.

The court's worker, Adamu Balarebe Adamu, administered the sentence.

Abdulkadir, after receiving the 80 strokes, said: "I was caught with Indian-hemp. The strokes were very painful. I felt the pain. I promise to stop drinking alcohol. I am happy with the sentence because my sins have been washed away by God."

Hamza said: "The punishment is in line with the teaching of Islam. I was caught drinking beer. God knows best, but for me, whenever I have money I will not be tempted to drink the substance again."
