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Five children have been killed by fire in Iponri, Lagos.

The children, aged three and 12, were burnt beyond recognition at their homes in an overnight fire.

It was gathered that in one of the incidents, the <u>mother of three of the victims locked them inside their</u> one room wooden apartment and went for night vigil.

Sources said the woman left a lit candle in the room, which resulted in the fire.

Efforts by neighbours to salvage the situation proved abortive; as only the charred bodies of the children were brought out by men of the Lagos Fire Service.

In another incident, two brothers were killed by fire at their makeshift raffia house.

It was gathered that their father, a night guard, lit a candle and went to work without putting it out.

Police spokesman Sam Jinadu said the fire engulfed the room and the children were burnt to death.

The Iponri NITEL office was razed yesterday in a fire, which started in the early hours.

Although no life was lost, files and property were destroyed. The police said the cause of the fire had not been ascertained.

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very sad incident.why on earth would a mother or a father leave a burning candle in a room whr innocent children r sleeping? we all knw candle is dangerous.those parents r very careless.may b dey even luckd d door n wnt away wit d keys.





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