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Fire wipes out family of six



• One of their late daughters



• The late Abolupe



• The late Aminat

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WEDNESDAY December 17, 2014 brought grief to residents of a building at Alagbada area of Ikotun, a suburb of Lagos State, when a man, Emmanuel Abolupe, his wife and four children were burnt to death in a fire outbreak.

The incident took place about 10 pm when an inferno, whose source cannot be ascertained, ravaged the apartment of the couple shortly after they went to bed.

An impeccable source explained that the late Abolupe returned home from work on the day of the incident and he slept off on a couch in the living room shortly after having his dinner.

A neighbour, who noticed smoke coming out of the couple's apartment, was said to

have immediately called out on Abolupe's wife, Aminat, who replied that they could not come out of their room because of the intensity of the smoke.

"A neighbour was passing by when he noticed that smoke was coming out from the apartment of the deceased persons. Their apartment was forced open by neighbours, but the last child of the couple had been badly burnt to death, while the late Emmanuel Abolupe, his wife and their remaining three children were still hovering between life and death, though badly burnt too," said a resident, who asked not to be mentioned.

A resident, who asked not to be named, said: "The couple's children would not sleep

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6 Mr Abolupe was severely burnt when he tried to rescue his wife and children. His last child had died by the time sympathisers succeeded in gaining access into their apartment but three other children and the couple were taken to some public hospitals where they were rejected by doctors on duty. Sadly, the couple and their children died in a private hospital on the outskirts of Ogun State on Thursday December 18

I knew my son as a prayer warrior