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## Kano REC, wife, two daughters die in fire tragedy

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A mystery fire yesterday killed the Kano State Resident Electoral Commissioner of the Independent National Electoral Commission, (INEC), Alhaji Abdullahi Munkaila, his wife and their two daughters, just seven days after he supervised the conduct of last weekend's presidential and national assembly elections.

The fire was said to have been sparked by a faulty air conditioner at their 2, Sir Kashim Ibrahim Road, Nassarawa, GRA, Kano residence on Thursday night while they were asleep.

The circumstances of their death immediately triggered speculations that they may have been murdered by some vested interests, coming so soon after the last elections.

The police took reporters to the scene and dismissed speculations that the fire might have been organized as unfounded.

Police Commissioner Ibrahim Idris said preliminary investigation showed that the victims were suffocated to death by the smoke from the fire.

Idris said his men found no trace of sabotage at the scene of the incident.

He said: "Today (Friday) at about 4:30 a.m., the policemen on guard duty at the official residence of the Resident Electoral Commissioner Kano State, Alhaji Munkaila Abdullahi, located at 2, Sir Kashim Ibrahim Road, Nassarawa, GRA, Kano, observed a fire emanating from a split A/C in the sitting room.

"They made several attempts to get in touch with him, including banging the doors and breaking some of the toilet windows, but he was not responding.

"The policemen and local guards broke the door leading to the sitting room and discovered the sitting room was engulfed by fire and smoke.

"They then went to the side of the door, leading to the master bedroom, broke the door and entered. They were not inside the bed room and the police then went into the bathroom, inside the master bedroom and found the REC, his wife and his two daughters unconscious on the floor.

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"They quickly removed them to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital where the doctors confirmed them dead. The doctors confirmed the family died from inhalation of hot and black smoke."

The police have sealed the scene, and together with the fire service, have commenced investigation into the incident."

The deceased were laid to rest yesterday in Dutse, Jigawa State, where a shocked INEC Chairman, Attahiru Jega, described the late Abdullahi as one of his best resident electoral commissioners.

"His death is shocking. Munkaila is one of my commissioners I'm proud of.

"He was gentle, committed, honest and hardworking. May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace," Jega said.

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