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## Three siblings die in Lagos fire

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Three siblings were on Saturday burnt to death in their sleep at Egbeda in Alimoso Local Government Area of Lagos.

The fire was said to have been caused by candle light.

Fire has been wreaking havoc in the state of late.

Just yesterday, another fire consumed 30 shops in a popular market in Ajah, a Lagos suburb.

The victims – Ufoma, 9, Emeka, 7, and Udoma, 3, - lived in a self-contained apartment with their parents.

The candle was said to have been lit by their father, who left to visit their mother who just gave birth. The candle fell and started burning the furniture.

The fire which started around 10pm, was not noticed that until smoke started coming from the ceiling.

Residents battled to put out the fire, without knowing that the kids were trapped inside the apartment.

*The Nation* gathered that their bodies were evacuated by the police.

"The incident happened on Fakoya Street, around Vulcaniser bus stop, Egbeda. It affected a building with three rooms-and-a-parlour self-contained apartments. The affected family stays in one of the apartments.

"The fire was noticed around 10pm after their father had gone out to check on their mother who had just given birth at a nearby hospital. Before he left the house, he lit a candle and shut the door, while his children – two girls and a boy – slept off.

"The candle stick must have either burnt out or fallen, causing the firey. No one knew the kids were inside the apartment else they would have probably survived," said a source.

Confirming the incident, Director, Fire Service Rasaq Fadipe said: "We got the call at 10.48pm. We quickly sent the Agege Fire Station to the place with 10,000 litres of water. The fire started from the children's apartment and consumed the three apartments in the building. The kids were fast asleep when the fire started and they were burnt to death."

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