

Three pupils burnt to death in Yola domestic fire



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Three Islamic school pupils have been burnt to death in Yola, Adamawa State after their living room was gutted by fire.

Our correspondent gathered yesterday that two of the children died instantly when the fire occurred on the night of Friday, July 7, while the third died Saturday morning at the Modibbo Adama University Teaching Hospital, Yola

The fire was said to have emanated from a mosquito-repellent coil in the room that the deceased shared.

The three were Islamic school pupils, better known as Almajirai, who resided within the premises of their school at Sabon Pegi, in Yola South Local Government Area.

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Malam Abubakar Usman, who owns the school, confirmed the deaths.

He said two of the pupils, Ismaila Muhammadu, who was 12 years old, and Yusuf Abubakar, who was 13, died instantly, while 17-year-old Mustapha Ahmadu died on Saturday morning at the hospital.

“It was around 11pm (on Friday) when we had already gone to bed and one of the kids came crying. We rushed to see that one of the huts was on fire and we decided to put out the fire; that was when we saw two dead Almajirai in the burnt hut,” Usman said.

The deceased have been buried according to Islamic rites.