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# Family of 7 perish in inferno

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**B**ARELY 24 hours to the celebration of Eid el-Kabir, a family of seven lost their lives during a fire outbreak at Tukur Tukur, Zaria at the early hours of yesterday.

The incident occurred, according to an eyewitness, at about 2.00 o'clock in the morning, although he could not say the immediate cause of the inferno.

The eye witness said that the family were trapped inside the house with nobody being able to rescue them from the house that was under heavy-smoke with no access to the building.

He said the fire took place while the head of the family, Alhaji Umar Ibrahim who is a

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politician had travelled to Abuja with the hope of returning the following day.

It is not certain whether the head of the family returned as expected to meet the sad incident. However, sympathisers were said to have alerted the branch office the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) which came to put off the fire and the victims of the fire were said to have been brought out even though they were burnt beyond recognition.

The names of the victims were given as Hajiya Hajara Dan Asabe (House wife), Naja'atu, Suleiman, Nusaiba, Umar, Abdulazeez and Dalhatu who were the children of the family.

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