

Fire claims 3 lives in Nembe

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NINTH of January, 2008 was a terrible day for the family of Mrs. Richard in Amassara-Polo in Nembe Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, as her three children were consumed by fire.

According to Madam, Richard who gave the names of the deceased as Ekiomoworior Ineye, aged 16, Beke Deinma, aged 15 and Owei Deinma, aged 20, the incident was a mysterious one as she was not around to identify the cause of

the fire.

However, many people around the area believe the fire was as a result of candle light or kerosene lantern, even as she is calling on the state government and any spirited individual to come to her aid.

Commenting on the incident, a human rights activist in the state, Mr. Nengi James blamed the government for not providing basic amenities like electricity, roads and health care services, saying if there was electricity, there would be no need for the candle light or kerosene

lantern.

He called on the state government, the commissioner representing Bayelsa East Senatorial district and other elected representatives from the area to assist the woman, just as he appealed to the government to carry its developmental agenda to the grass-root.

James who paid a sympathy visit to the family of Richard wondered why over three persons should be sleeping in a seven by seven feet room due to poverty and lack of accommodation.

From **ALI MUHAMMAD RABIU**,
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KWARA . . . State Government is fully committed to the construction of road that will assist in opening up the rural areas for commercial activities as well as the transportation of farm produce to the towns and cities.

The chairman of Moro Local government area of the state Alhaji Abdulraheem Adisa who stated this at Maigida in Ipaye District of the local government, during a prayer organized by the people of the area in his hon-



Some of the ministers at the Inter-denominational church service for the 2008 Armed Forces Remembrance Day celebration in Abuja ...at the weekend.