

Mother, two children burnt to death in Ondo fire incident

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A middle-aged woman and her two children have lost their lives in a fire incident which occurred on Sunday night in Ondo State.

The fire incident occurred at Rainbow Street, Onipakala Junction, off Adeyemi Road, Ondo, in Ondo West Local Government Area of the state.

A family source, speaking under anonymity, on Monday said the victims were burnt beyond recognition in the inferno that lasted for hours.

The source said the mother was a petty trader, while the two children were identified as Bukola (16) and Ife (11).

The source further added that efforts by neighbours to save the trio failed, just as operatives of the Ondo State Fire Service in the town failed to mobilize to the scene.

"When the fire was raging, we called the fire service, only to be informed that there was no water and chemicals.

"In fact, the officer immediately switched off his cell phone," the source alleged.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the incident to NAN on Monday through text messages.

She said: "Yes, their remains have been deposited at the morgue."