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Fire consumes nursing mother, 11 others

By Agency reporter, Published: Friday, 19 Feb 2010

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An inferno at Chiranchin Gabas quarters in Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State on Wednesday claimed the lives of 12 family members.

The victims included four women and eight children, who were consumed by the inferno, which occurred at about 10pm on the fateful date.

An eyewitness, Auwalu Mustapha, told the News Agency of Nigeria on Thursday that the fire originated from the kitchen attached to the one-story building in which the victims were staying and spread to the adjoining rooms.

Mustapha, who is a neighbour to the household, said six of the victims came from Gombe for a naming ceremony, which took place last Saturday.

Among the victims, he said, were the mother of the new-born baby and her mother, who also came from Gombe for the naming ceremony.

Another neighbour, Malam Abdulsalam Mohammed, told NAN that the fire was put out by a combined effort of good Samaritans and men of the state's fire service.

He added that fire service men initially found it difficult to access the building due to the poor road network in the area, which according to him, contributed to the severity of the incident.

Meanwhile, four persons, including the head of the family, Alhaji Kabir Mohammed and the newly-named baby, escaped unhurt, while the victims were buried on Thursday according to Islamic rites.

The Commissioner of Police in Gombe State, Alhaji Mohammed Gana, who was among those who attended the funeral prayer of the victims, confirmed the incident.

Gana said that his officers and men also participated in the rescue operation.

Comments :

May God be with their relatives.

Posted by: PEACEFUL PRAISE , on Friday, February 19, 2010

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Idowu how could you say something like that. Instead of you t pray for the repose of the souls and sympathise with the family. May their souls rest in peace and may The Almighty give the family the fortitude to bear the lost. A sad incident indeed.

Posted by: Mohammed , on Friday, February 19, 2010

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Ha! The newly born baby must be up to something for such a brutal incident or it might be that the people that died is the step stone of the baby.

Posted by: Idowu Nurudeen Owolabi , on Thursday, February 18, 2010

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