

## **Fire claims mother, three daughters in Bauchi**

**A** mother and her three daughters were burnt to death in an early morning fire in Kandahar area of Bauchi metropolis on Sunday.

A source told newsmen in Bauchi that the 25-year-old mother, Fatima Mohammed, and her four-year-old twin daughters, Hajara and Hussaina, were burnt to death, the News Agency of Nigeria reports. The woman's two-year-old daughter, named Hajiya, 2, also died in the incident.

According to the source, the fire started at about 5am at the residence of Fatima's husband and father of the children, Malam Mohammed Kabir. Mohammed told newsmen that the fire outbreak was caused by fluctuation in power supply.

He said that when the fire broke out, there was confusion in the house. The bereaved father said the neighbours and personnel from the Bauchi State Fire Service stopped the fire from spreading to other rooms in the house.'

An official of the Fire Service told NAN on condition of anonymity that the fire was reportedly caused by power outage.

NAN further reports that the deceased have been buried in a Bauchi cemetery according to Islamic rites.