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Mallam Aliyu Zubairu, a reporter with the *Nigerian Television Authority*, Yola, and his wife, Nazira, died in a midnight fire incident in Yola on Monday, the authority's General Manager, Malam Adamu Yusuf, has confirmed.

Yusuf told reporters in Yola that the incident occurred in the couple's residence in Shagari quarters, Yola – South Local Government Area.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* learnt that the fire started at about 1am on Monday.

Yusuf expressed shock over the incident, and urged the deceased family and colleagues to take the sad news in good faith as "no one can question God."

Meanwhile, the state Chairman, Nigeria Union of Journalists, Mallam Salisu Mohammad, has extolled the good virtues of Zubairu, describing the deceased as a friendly and hard working journalist.

He enjoined journalists in the state to register with the NUJ insurance scheme to enable their families to get succour in the event of the unexpected.

Until his death, the deceased was the NTA reporter covering the state House of Assembly and had been buried according to Islamic rights.

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