

## NEWS

# Niger mother, three children burnt to death

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## Enyioha Opara, Minna

The Nkangbe community in Minna, Niger State, was thrown into mourning on Tuesday when fire claimed the lives of a woman and her three children.

It was learnt that the incident which occurred around 11.30 pm, lasted for over three hours and razed the house.

The woman, Fati, and her three children were said to have been trapped in the fire. Another woman was said to have been rescued and taken to around hospital for treatment.

Our correspondent was told that the cause of the fire had yet to be ascertained.

One of the residents, Musa Ibrahim, said that the state fire service was called immediately the fire started.

He said, “The fire was intense, but with the help of the fire service men, we rescued a woman through the window. The other woman and her three children were already burnt to death before help could come.”

One of the men of the fire service said, “There were four casualties and the cause of the fire has yet to be known.”

The state Controller of Fire Service, Suleman Bababida, could not be reached as his mobile phone rang out.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident, saying a woman and her three children died in the fire.

Abiodun said, “The police are taking the inventory to ascertain what was lost during the fire.”