

A police corporal, Jeremiah Yusuf, lost four children in a fire incident at Tudun-wada Quarters of Gusau, Zamfara, on Wednesday.

Yusuf told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) at a neighbour's house where he was receiving sympathisers, that "I watched all my children burn helplessly before me and I could not do anything to save them."

Yusuf explained that he became aware of the incident at about 1 am when his sister-in-law, rushed

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Policemen later came and picked the dead body up and sped away, shooting in the air to scare away angry drivers and conductors.

The State Police Command Spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, did not return our call and text message. Not long ago, a policeman in Lagos was said to have shot dead Ugochukwu Ozuah who had got married few days earlier. Police blamed armed robbers for the killing.

A Lagos judge recently sentenced a policeman to death by hanging for a similar offence.

rate would have been reduced to the barest minimum as there is no society without crime, adding that the security agencies will keep on doing what they should do to safeguard all law abiding citizens.

The DCP Operations also acknowledged the support that the law enforcement agencies are getting from the state governor and the assurance from sister agencies who are also on the road with the police and coming out with new ideas, new vehicles and new logistics to fight crime.

Mr. Sobulo also thanked the people for their support which has made the enforcement of the law a lot more effective even as he appealed to them to stop patronizing the dangerous "Okadas".

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