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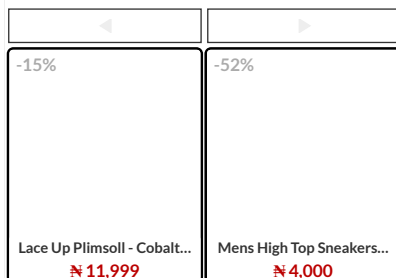
Two kids burnt to death while roasting yam in Kwara

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The sleepy town of Aiyedun in Oke Ero local Government Area of Kwara State was in pensive mood, on Monday evening, when two children were burnt to death in a Fulani settlement.

The kids, Husseni Musa and Zainab Musa, aged three and five years old respectively, met their untimely death while roasting a tuber of yam in a grass-thatched hut where they resided.



A security source who spoke with Daily Sun said that the hut where the incident occurred, was being used as kitchen.

It was learnt that the guardian of the victims, who has just been discharged from the hospital, was sleeping in another hut when the incident occurred.

A police team was said to have visited the scene and evacuated the corpses of the deceased.

Checks revealed that the corpses had since been released to the family of the deceased for funeral services.

Confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the State Police command, DSP Okasanmi Ajayi, said the police team visited the scene to have firsthand information on the remote and immediate cause of the incident.

Meanwhile, the Transitional Implementation Committee Chairman of Oke-Ero Local Government Area of the state, Hajia Kudirat Arinola Lawal, has commiserated with the family of the two kids who lost their lives in the fire incident that occurred at Fulani settlement in Ayedun community of the council.

In her reaction, on Wednesday, Hajia Lawal said she was saddened by the ugly incident because it took innocent souls of promising children.

The TIC chairman stated that the council would not toy with security of life and property of the people and stressed the need for all to be cautious while handling any material vulnerable to fire.

"The authorities of the Oke Ero Local Government Area was saddened by the unfortunate fire incident that took away the lives of our two young promising children. We want to condole with the bereaved family on the pains they will be going through at this moment.

"Although the incident had happened, we appeal to our people to always be mindful any item that could ignite fire. The government is in place to ensure well being of the people and secure lives and property. We want to therefore plead with our people to always apply caution."