

Fire kills 5 family members in Kebbi



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A fire that broke out in Argungu Local Government Area of Kebbi State, yesterday, burnt five members of one family to death. Our correspondent, who visited the family at the weekend, said the incident, which has thrown the residents of the area into mourning, also partially razed the bungalow.

Confirming the incident on phone, the Chairman of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Alhaji Sani Dododo, said he was at the scene shortly after the incident, adding that the male parent of the family, who was not at home when the incident happened, was a staff of the West African Cotton Company Limited (WACOT).

“The incident happened around 1:am on Friday, in the house of a WACOT staff, Malam Umar Argungu, who was on duty on that day,” he added. He furthered that his wife was in the house with her three children: two daughters and a boy as well as a neighbour’s daughter were all affected. Dododo said the incident happened when the mother of the children had tried to heat cold water with electric heater in the house.

“The woman had forgotten the heater was still on until all the water had dried up caught fire, which resulted in the death of the wife, her three children and a neighbour’s daughter,” he narrated. He warned residents in the state to always ensure they switch off electric appliances in their houses before sleeping, especially during the Harmattan season.

