

Two women, two grandchildren die in Niger house fire

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A late night fire on Monday claimed the lives of four members of an extended family in Bida, Bida Local Government Area of Niger State.

The whole town was thrown into mourning as the victims, two wives and two grandchildren of the owner of the building, died in the fire.

The two wives are Hajiya Salamatu and Hajiya Jummai Kabaraini, while the grandchildren are Hauwa and Khairatu Mahmud Kabaraini.

The fire razed the building, a one-storey building.

Apart from the loss of



The burnt house

lives, all valuables, including moveable and immovable items, were completely burnt as neighbours scampered for safety.

The owner of the building, said to be a prominent indigene of Bida town, Alhaji Ahmadu Kabaraini, is late.

However, the head of the family, Alhaji Sallau Kabara-ini, told journalists that the cause of the fire could not be immediately ascertained.

It was, however, learnt that an electrical fault in the building led to the inferno.

The Etsu Nupe, Chairman of the state Council of Traditional Rulers, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, has sent a condolence message to the family.

The Etsu Nupe, represented by the Mayakin Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Mayaki, called on family members to see the incident as an act of God.

The Chief Imam of Bida, Sheik Adamu Yakatun, led the funeral prayers as the deceased were buried according to Islamic rites.

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"The victims were released in the early hours of 9th March, 2021 owing to the pressure mounted on the abductors by the police and other security agencies. No money was paid," the PPRO said.

Opalola said the state Commissioner of Police, Olawale Olokode, had appealed to people of the state to collaborate with police to rid the state of all criminal elements.

Olokode said adequate measures had been put in place to forestall future occurrence.