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## Family Perishes in Fire Outbreak

From Mohammed Aminu in Sokoto, 02.03.2009

Residents of Shiyar Kolu area in Dange Shuni Local Government Area of Sokoto were yesterday thrown into grief as a couple including a two-year old child were burnt to death in a fire outbreak. THISDAY checks yesterday revealed that Alhaji Abubakar Aliyu Buroda and his wife were fast asleep when the fire incident occurred.

THISDAY learnt that the incident occurred in the wee hours of the morning as a result of an electrical fault.

A resident of the Shiyar Kolu area who pleaded anonymity told THISDAY that the deceased left their electrical gadgets on before going to sleep on the fateful day.

According to him, the incident was caused as a result of power surge which damaged the electrical appliances and led to a spark that completely razed the building.

"The deceased did not switch off their electrical gadgets before going to sleep. Thus, when NEPA brought light after midnight, the high voltage led to a spark which damaged the appliances thereby burning the victims beyond recognition", the source revealed.

Commenting on the incident, the father of the deceased Malam Bala Muhammad Shuni described the fire outbreak as shocking and painful to the family.

Speaking in an emotion laden voice, Shuni described the incident as the will of Almighty Allah and prayed for the repose of the souls of the dead. Shuni disclosed that the deceased wife was carrying a nine months pregnancy as at the time of the fire outbreak.

THISDAY however gathered that the charred remains of the victims have been buried at Shuni area in accordance with Islamic rites.

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