

Family of six burnt to death

DUTSE—TRAGEDY struck in a volatile town of Birnin-Kudu, Jigawa State, Monday as early morning inferno gutted a family house killing all the six occupants in the house while asleep.

Eye witness account told

Vanguard that the entire family that comprised of the husband, his wife and their four children could not escape as they were rounded up by the choking smoke that enveloped the house.

The eye witness account identified the head of the family as Danjuma Hassan, who was until his death a staff of the Fedral Medical Centre, Birnin-kudu.

Vanguard further learnt

that the fire incident was allegedly triggered off by over voltage arising from dual sources of power to the house as he was said to have his stand-by generator on when PHCN restored light.

A neighbour to the deceased, Malam Shehu told *Vanguard* that the wiring system exploded resulting in a ball of fire within the building while the occupants were deeply asleep at 1.00am local time.

Vanguard learnt that it took some brave neighbours hours to put off the fire under control as there is no functional fire station in the town to fall back to on emergencies.

The bodies of the family have already been buried according to Islamic rites amidst wailing by sympathizers.

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