

# Police investigate death of 3 children in fire

**L**AGOS—THE Lagos State Police Command has begun investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of three children of the same parents in a fire incident on Friday in Lagos.

The children, a boy and two girls, died as a result of the burns they sustained from the fire which emanated from a candle light.

Eyewitnesses alleged that their mother had put on the candle in their one room apartment and went out while the children were asleep.

They claimed that the woman, a kerosene seller had some jerry cans of kerosene stored in the

room before the incident.

"When we noticed the fire, we tried to move in and rescued the children as we heard them shouting. Unfortunately, they had already sustained some burns," a neighbour in the compound said.

He said it was at the point of intervention they noticed that the parents were not around.

The police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, said the children were rushed to the hospital but later died.

Mba added that the scene was immediately visited by policemen from the Meiran police station and the corpses were taken to a mortuary for autopsy. He, however, said the case was under investigation.