

## Two siblings burnt to death in Lagos fire

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**A**N early morning fire yesterday, engulfed the Navy officers quarters, Camp site, in Kirikiri area of Lagos, burning two siblings of ages six and nine to death.

The fire was said to have been caused by an electrical surge.

Owner of the apartment, a Navy Captain with an undisclosed identity, was said to be out of town, while their mother left for a church vigil, Thursday night, leaving their three children in the care of their maid, one Patience.

Tragedy reportedly struck at about 3.30am after smoke was noticed from the apartment. The incident was said to have jolted some occupants in the officers quarters who raised the alarm.

In the process, Patience was said to have managed to escape with one of the children. The charred remains of the boys were reportedly discovered after the fire was put out at about 4:30am, by a combined team of Fire Service, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) and policemen from the Kirikiri division.

A resident who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "Patience was able to escape with the eldest child, Ayomide who is about 13 years old. But she could not go back inside because of the balls of fire".

LASEMA's General Manager, Micheal Akindele, hinted that the remains of the deceased were taken to Navy hospital in the area, while the other two occupants of the flats were treated by LASAMBUS before they were taken to Navy hospital for further examination and treatment.

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