



Girl, 4, killed in Delta midnight fire

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TRAGEDY struck, yesterday, as midnight candle light induced inferno consumed a four-year old girl, sacked seven families, a farm, Deeper life Bible Church and a school at Makro Street, Warri, Delta State.

The little Favour was identified as the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Paul.

An eyewitness, Abba Idogun, narrated that the fire started as a result of a candle light carelessly left while asleep by one of the occupants of the compound located at 16, Makro Street.

Idogun, an Information Officer with Delta State Ministry of Information, Warri Office, said the fire burnt the four-year-old beyond recognition, saying a private school, a church and a poultry farm were also razed.

Lamenting the incident, one of the victims, Emmanuel Nwodo, a poultry farmer, said the fire started from his neighbour's apartment in the compound.

"It started from my neighbour's place. We were inside my room when I heard 'fire, fire'. And before I could come out, the fire was already raging.

"Maybe they left candle on and slept off and the candle just sparked big fire. That was just how the fire burnt everywhere. There is one man, a lady with three children. A little child of about four years was burnt to death. Her name is Favour. "Very innocent girl but they could not rescue her. The fire started about 10:30pm."

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