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area of Sardauna, and moved to the new site in 1974.

Man loses wife, five children to fire while in hospital

By Umar Yusuf

TRAGEDY struck in the early hours of Friday morning when the entire family of six persons were completely wiped out by fire. The incident occurred in Malamre, a suburb of Jimeta, Adamawa State close to the Legislative Quarters, when the wife, an expectant mother, her three kids and younger sister of Mallam Abdullahi Umar went to sleep but never came up alive.

The children were aged

between 9 and 2 years.

According to an eyewitness account, the fire which gutted the two-bed room apartment started from the lobby of the house and spread quickly to other rooms thereby trapping all the victims in one of the rooms they attempted to escape through. Mr. Mathew Megeli, whose apartment is directly facing the burnt

house told Vanguard that at about 12.30am, the entire compound of about 40 tenants started noticing some smoke and other neighbours were accord-

ingly alerted.

Megeli added that when they rushed to the burning apartment, fire had almost engulfed all its department, thereby preventing any possible assistance to the trapped persons.

According to him, when the fire fighters arrived, it was too late as the entire department had been razed to rumbles.

Mr. Abdullahi Umar, the husband of the bereaved wife and father of the lost kids was on admission at the Specialist Hospital in Yola when the incident occurred.

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