

3 **Man burnt to death**

Meanwhile, a middle-aged man identified as Kayode Akerele was reportedly burnt to death in a midnight inferno that gutted his residence in Igarra on Monday.

It was gathered that the burnt building also houses the Akoko-Edo local government area secretariat of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

A resident said the timely intervention of neighbours saved the PDP secretariat from being razed.

A member of the deceased family confided in *Vanguard*, yesterday, that the fire was as a result of a candle the deceased lit in his room before sleeping off.

"A neighbour said he saw him buy a candle and went into his room. He lit the candle and slept-off, the candle burnt the rug and the ceiling before the ceiling collapsed on him. He must have been in a deep sleep as he was suffocated and burnt to death.

"To avoid prying eyes and persons who wanted to start posting his pictures on social media, the family decided to bury him immediately. He was among those who graduated into the Igarra community Elders Council in 2018.