

# One dies inside short-let apartment fire in Kwara

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An unidentified man, believed to be about 52 years old, was reported dead in a short-let hotel in Ilorin late Thursday night following a fire outbreak.

The Tribune gathered that the fire incident occurred at about 11:38 p.m. at Lafia Hotel, Coca-Cola Road, Ilorin.

The incident, which was confirmed by the state Fire Service, involved a building comprising two flats with three bedrooms each, all of which were affected by the fire.

"The entire building was heavily engulfed in smoke, making escape extremely difficult for occupants," a statement by the Public Relations Officer (PRO) and Head of the Media Unit of the agency, Hassan Adekunle, said.

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"Preliminary investigations revealed that the fire was attributed to a power surge, as the outbreak reportedly occurred immediately after power supply was restored, leading to rapid fire spread across the building.

"Firefighters arrived promptly and brought the fire under control at about 11:51 p.m. Three fire appliances were deployed to mitigate the magnitude of the inferno, with support from the Federal Fire Service, whose personnel were also present at the scene.

"The Director of the Kwara State Fire Service, CFS Alabi Muhammed, expressed deep concern over the loss of life and advised property owners, especially operators of short-let apartments, to ensure proper electrical installations, use quality surge protectors, and conduct routine electrical safety inspections.

"He also urged the installation of smoke detectors, emergency lighting, and fixed firefighting systems to aid early detection and evacuation, noting that smoke inhalation remains a major cause of fatalities during fires.

"The Kwara State Fire Service reaffirms its commitment to protecting lives and property and urges the public to promptly report fire incidents for swift intervention."