

Bayelsa fire kills 11-year-old child

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A residential fire claimed the life of an 11-year-old child on New Year's Day in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident was among several fire outbreaks recorded across parts of Nigeria, including the Federal Capital Territory and Lagos, Imo, Gombe, Kwara and Bayelsa states.

The development was disclosed in a statement issued on Thursday by the spokesman of the Federal Fire Service, Paul Abraham.

According to him, Bayelsa State recorded a tragic incident in Yenagoa where a residential fire resulted in the death of a child. He added that property valued at about N10m was salvaged, while losses were estimated at N20m.

“In Yenagoa, firefighters responded to a residential fire involving a wooden structure. Although property worth about N10m was saved, losses were estimated at N20m. Sadly, the incident claimed the life of an 11-year-old child, with preliminary findings indicating the fire was caused by a candle left unattended,” he said.

According to the statement, a fire also broke out at Cake Hot Restaurant in River Plate Park, Wuse, shortly after midnight.