

**T**WENTY five year old student of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akingba Mr. Kola Fakolujo and three others were separately burnt to death by fire allegedly ignited by fuel, stored in their houses.

*Daily Champion* learnt that the unending fuel scarcity in Lagos have compelled black market sellers to hoard fuel in jerry cans and store them in the house.

As at press time over six houses have been razed down as a result of fuel hoarding which ignited fire, burning the houses and destroying properties worth million of naira.

○ An eyewitness said the 300 level undergraduate of undisclosed course of study was burnt to death when the house he was staying with his guardian got burnt at Okokomaiko last week.

The source said the two store building house, located at no 8 Ago-Hausa street Okokomaiko caught fire and killed the student who was relaxing at the time of incident.

○ Also at Isolo, another suburb in the metropolis, fire which emanated from the room of a landlady who stored fuel in the room also consumed the life of a maid who could not jump out of the house. The landlady was said to have stored fuel in various sizes of jerry cans which she resells in black market to motorists at an exorbitant prices.

The woman allegedly abandoned her trinkets shop at Lagos and resorted to dealing in the black market since the fuel scarcity began. She was also said to have access to one of the mega filling stations and as such was getting fuel in large quantity and resold them by her recruited agents to customers.

However, our source said, the house, shops and valuables were set ablaze by the fire but the woman and several occupants escaped unhurt.

○ At Shasha road Akowonjo, in Alimosho LGA a shop was razed by fire. A small jerry can of fuel, probably for powering generating set allegedly caught up fire and set the shop ablaze.

But for prompt intervention, of policemen a building at Ijora would have gone up in flames. A source said several jerry cans of fuel were stored inside the place and it ignited fire in an undisclosed manner but the policemen from Ijora Badia police station and some members of the public put off the fire. This was made possible because the black market dealers had sold all their fuel stored in the house as at the time of investigation.

It is called that the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) during his condolence visit to the Abule Egba fuel disaster ordered the arrest of people hawking fuel in jerry cans but till date, most of the major roads in Lagos are being doted with jerry