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2 killed as fire ravages Lagos slum

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Two unidentified persons were burnt to death in an early morning fire in Kuramo, a slum in the Lekki area of Lagos yesterday. The charred remains of the deceased were removed from the scene by emergency aid workers. Policemen from Ajah, Lekki and Maroko later cordoned off the area.

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Daily Trust gathered that the fire started at about 3.00am from one of the wooden houses and later spread.

Ibrahim Farinloye, spokesman of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said the bodies of a man and a woman were recovered from the scene.

He said the wooden houses were basically occupied by Ilaje and Ijaw people, adding that four fire trucks were deployed to the area as soon as the distress call was received.

Razaq Fadipe, the Manager Director, Lagos State Fire Service, also said:

“The information we got was that a young woman was cooking in one

of the houses and there was a fuel container nearby which caught fire," he said.

It took us about four hours to put out the fire. My men did not know there was anybody inside while they were fighting the fire. We met the man and woman in two different locations, roasted, after we finally put out the fire."

He added that the corpses were handed over to the police from Ilasan Division who took them to a mortuary.

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