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Student killed in school hostel fire in Sokoto

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One student was confirmed killed yesterday when fire gutted a student hostel at Sultan Tambari Secondary School, Illela, Sokoto State, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

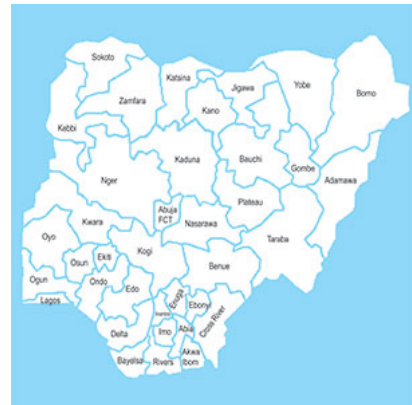
Sources from the school indicated that the deceased, 17-year-old Isma'ila Garba, was among the 200 students in the hostel when the fire started.

"The deceased actually escaped unhurt when the fire started, but went back to retrieve some belongings and could not return," Malam Nura Bello, information officer of the Sokoto education ministry, said.

Garba, who hailed from Ambarura village in Illela Local Government Area, had been buried at Kilgari.

Bello said injured students had been taken to the hospital.

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