

5 IDPs killed as fire razes 2,000 tents at camp in Borno

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At least five internally displaced persons were said to have died yesterday when fire razed 2,000 households at the stadium camp in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

A rescue worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the incident occurred at 11:30am.

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According to him, the inferno also left dozens of the IDPs injured and 7,457 others homeless.

He said the fire began from a local kitchen at the “west northern part of the camp.”

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He stated: “It is an unfortunate day for the people of Munguno today (yesterday), especially the internally displaced persons who are occupying the stadium camp as fire outbreak occurred at about 11:30am.

“The fire outbreak lasted for about 45 minutes. It killed five people, including three children between the ages of 0-6years and two female adults.

“Many were seriously affected by the flame; and dozens were injured, including children.”

“As I am speaking to you, thousands of internally displaced persons are in serious need of food items and sleeping materials because all their shelters have been burnt down.

The International Organisation for Migration did not release any statement on the statement as of the time of filing this report.