

23 die as fire razes shops

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Three people have been confirmed dead after a fire outbreak razed over 100 temporary shops at the Badume vegetable market in Bichi Local Government Area of Kano State.

Reports indicate that the fire outbreak which occurred on Friday, started from a shop at the middle of the popular village market.

Narrating the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the Kano State Fire Service, Saminu Yusuf Abdullahi, said the agency received an emergency call from one Malam Tsalha.

He said a rescue team was quickly mobilized to the scene where three unknown persons, one female and two males including an elderly man with special needs, were trapped in a shop.

"All of the three victims were rescued unconscious and later confirmed dead by doctors. They were handed over to Inspector Mukaila Inusa of Bichi police division," he said.

He said the cause of the incident is under investigation and charged the public to use fire and electrical appliances with care to avoid similar incidences.