

# Fire outbreak kills 2, displaces Alau, 4 other communities in Borno

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A fire outbreak has claimed the lives of two individuals and displaced residents across five communities in the Alau area of Konduga Local Government Area, Borno State.

The incident, which occurred around 9:30 am on Sunday, left about 1,000 thatched houses in ruins, with residents unable to recover any of their belongings.

The inferno, which reportedly began from the Kanade-Abul area near the Alau reservoir, rapidly spread to surrounding communities.

The affected villages include Walori, Sarari, Duwuri, Dumfari, and Alau itself.

“Over 1,000 thatch houses have been engulfed in the mysterious fire. Residents couldn’t even salvage a wrapper from their homes, except in Duwuri where the fire service responded swiftly,” said Ba-Abba Alau, a resident of the area.

Another resident, Lawan Modu, recounted that a similar fire outbreak occurred around the same period last year, causing extensive damage.

Despite the timely intervention of both the military and fire services, he said the community still suffered heavy losses.

“One mentally ill person was trapped and killed in the fire, and a small boy who jumped into the dam in a bid to escape also died. We lost two people in total,” Modu confirmed.