

Kid dies in Lagos fire incident

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ATWO-YEAR-OLD girl was confirmed dead yesterday following a fresh fire incident that burnt six buildings along Railway Line in Agege area of Lagos.

The incident, which occurred at about 6.58 a.m., attracted policemen from Abattoir Division, who came to rescue residents of the buildings and stop hoodlums from stealing their property.

The dead baby was identified as Feonse Ibrahim.

Lagos State Police Spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, who confirmed the incident to journalists, said the cause of the inferno would be probed.

No fewer than seven buildings were gutted by fire between January and February 2007, claiming five lives and many property destroyed. The incidents occurred in Ajegunle and Lagos Island.

Police authorities have often traced the incessant fire outbreak to outage and residents using different electrical appliances without adequate care. Since the beginning of the year, many Lagos activities have been crippled by a series of fire incidents. Some have lost their lives and many residents have been rendered homeless, with houses worth millions of naira burnt and sources of livelihood terminated.

Also recently, the Mile 12 Market was gutted by fire said to have been caused by outage from the public power supply.