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85-year-old woman dies in Lagos inferno

- Two feared killed in New Year road mishaps
By Oditia Sunday

A FIRE incident in Lagos at the weekend claimed the life of 85-year-old Alhaja Afusat Orisunmibare at Ikorodu on the outskirts of Lagos.

The inferno, which broke out at the victim's family bungalow at No. 14 Odugate Street, Ikorodu, reportedly choked the aged woman to death.

Lagos Police Command's Spokesman, Frank Mba, who disclosed this, added that another elderly woman, Mrs. Abeni Kamson, sustained serious injuries in the incident and "was rushed to the general hospital where she is being treated".

He added: "The aged woman has already been buried according to Islamic rites. The fire is suspected to have been caused by candlelight.

"There was another fire outbreak at a residential building at 11B Goriola Street, Victoria Island. The cause of fire and value of property destroyed are yet to be ascertained. No injury was sustained and no life was lost.

"Another house at 16, Aiyeye Street, Itire, was razed by fire, which cause and value of property destroyed are yet to be ascertained. We are investigating all the incidents. Lagos residents are advised to handle all electrical objects with care. Avoid storing inflammable items like petroleum products at home".

Two persons were also feared dead on New Year day accidents. Mba, who also confirmed the accidents, however, disclosed that the New Year celebration was crime and crisis-free.

His words: "The New Year day was generally crime and crisis-free, but not without mishaps. On January 1, 2010, at about 2.00 p.m., a yet-to-be identified driver of a commercial bus with registration number: XZ124KJA, ran over a two-year-old boy along Ibadian Street, Onigbongbo, Maryland. The victim died on the spot and his body was deposited at LASUTH mortuary, Ikeja.

Ikeja Police Station is investigating the incident".

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He added: "On the same day at about 10.30 a.m., an unregistered Volvo truck driven by Azeez Adeola of Ayelo Street, Sango Ota, Ogun State, ran over a commercial motorcyclist and two passengers along MKO Abiola Gardens in Alausa, Ikeja.

"The cyclist, Gbenga Adekoya and his two passengers were rushed to LASUTH, Ikeja. One of the passengers died in the hospital while the rest are responding to treatment. The Alausa Police Station is investigating the incident".

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