

Six-year-old dies in Borno inferno

A MYSTERIOUS fire has gutted five communities in Hawul Council of Borno State, killing a six year-old child at Kukurupu, 34 kilometres south of Azare, the council headquarters.

The communities gutted by fire included Dalwa, Kukurupu, Shaffa, Sakwa and Kwajaffa. The inferno

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was put off by volunteers using palm fronds, water and sand.

Confirming the fire outbreak, the member representing Hawul Constituency in the Borno State House of Assembly, Abdu Musa Mshelizza, said its cause could not be ascer-

tained.

However, he added that "the hot, dry harmattan could have triggered the fire to spread to the neighbouring communities".

Mshelizza stated that most of the residents were in their farmlands harvesting their crops when the fire occurred.

He disclosed that the child was killed in

Kukurupu community while nine farmlands were destroyed. The fire also consumed 40 goats, 30 sheep and 10 cows in Dalwa community.

Mshelizza called on Borno State government to intervene and assist the affected communities with relief materials like food items, building materials and blankets.