One feared dead as fire engulfs storey building in Lagos

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Affected building at Dopemi

At least, one person was feared dead in a fire that occurred in the early hours of yesterday, at a residential building located in the Adealu area of Lagos State.

Director, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Margaret Adeseye, disclosed this in a statement.

She stated that the fire engulfed the upper floor of a storey building with four flats but the quick intervention of emergency responders helped to curtail its spread.

According to her, one yet-to-be-identified male adult fell victim and was suspected to have been dead as of the time emergency responders got to the scene.

She said: "We received a distress call at about 04:56 hours of a fire outbreak at No. 49, Ogunjebe Street, Adealu Bus Stop, Dopemu-Agege, Lagos. It is a storey building consisting of four flats of two bedrooms used by residents. The fire was, however, confined to the rear flat at the upper floor, where it emanated before eventually being put out.

"The building is a two-bedroom flat with household contents in it, and one male adult was recovered (suspected dead). The supposed cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. Fire fighting operation has been concluded while investigation is ongoing to unravel the cause of the fire.

She said emergency responders at the scene of the fire included Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service and Ambulance Service.

Also, a diesel-laden truck caught fire in the Ojota area. The inferno was, however, brought under control by the fire service team with no casualties recorded.