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Daily Independent (Lagos)

Nigeria: Fire Kills Student, Razes 15 Houses in Ibadan

Oladele Ogunsolam

10 May 2010

Ibadan — Eleruku area of Academy, Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, was thrown into confusion on Wednesday when a vehicle conveying petroleum tumbled and spilled its contents, culminating in the roasting to death of a school girl and the razing of no fewer than 15 houses in the area.

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The incident, according to witness, occurred at about 4.00 p.m, when the vehicle fell into a ditch and spilled its contents which flowed into the affected houses before fire occurred.

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Burnt beyond recognition, the school girl was said to have been caught in the fire while coming from her school and her charred body was placed in front of the house of Olorunkemi Community leader by the sympathizers, who wailed uncontrollably as the victims counted their losses.

It was said that the articulated vehicle had parked around Eleruku area of Academy when another one coming from the same Lagos axis rammed into it, thereby causing it to tumble into a deep ditch by the side of the Express road and immediately it fell, its content spilled, caught fire and started flowing into the street.

Unfortunately, it was disclosed that the vehicle which hit the parked articulated one did not wait as it sped off.

The fire, which was still raging in some of the houses as at about 7.30 p.m, also affected about eight vehicles including cars.

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