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investigated by the state government, even as he urged the traders to be careful with fire.

## House Fire Kills 8-month-old Baby In Lagos

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People watched helplessly and in disbelief as an eight-month-old baby cried when fire was burning it in Oworonsoki area of Lagos State, yesterday.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the fire which rendered over 50 people homeless at Oke Erin Street, Oworonsoki, began around 10 am and lasted till 12 noon before the fire fighters from Lagos State Fire Service were able to put it out.

A resident in the area who identified herself as Mama Shaki said the mother of the deceased left home and told the 12-year-old elder sister to cook noodles and also take proper care of the baby.

But when the fire began, the elder sister scampered for safety, abandoning the baby to her fate. She said the shanty was burning as if there was fuel in the house. An-

other resident, Chukwuma, disclosed that the mother of the baby had gone to church, leaving behind the two children in the house. According to him, the mother is an employee of the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA). Chukwuma.

• He said most people had gone to church when the accident occurred and that those who came to help arrived a bit late.

"At that time, the baby was crying but unfortunately nobody was able to take the risk of entering the burning room. They only watched and heard the voice of the dying baby crying for help until she burnt to ashes," he said.

The director of the Lagos State Fire Safety Services, Mr Razaq Fadipe, confirmed the incident and urged members of the public, especially parents and guardians, to be more careful to avoid such fire accident as this.

Fadipe advised parents to monitor their children and be safety conscious.

## Fun Seeking Man Drowns At Bar Beach