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Fire Burns Father, Daughter To Death In Lagos

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Tragedy struck in Lagos yesterday when mysterious fire erupted at 4, Nubi Close, Ebutte Metta by Park Lane, Apapa Road burning to death a man identified as Mr Mathew Adewoye and his eight-month-old daughter, Deborah.

Our correspondent learnt that Adewoye died along with his daughter in the inferno before the got to the hospital.

An eyewitness, Mr Jacob, who lives close to the building, told newsmen that the fire which started at 2am spread quickly and consumed some of the inhabitants.

According to Jacob, "All we saw was smoke followed by fire. All we could do was to evacuate the occupants first before other things could be done. In the process, we lost Adewole and his eight-month-old baby called Deborah."

Corroborating his observation, Mr Bello Kabir, an occupant of the building, who lost virtually all his belongings to the fire, including his academic certificates, said he could not take anything out of his flat.

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He said all he was after was the safety of his family, adding that if not for the prompt intervention of fire service personnel from both state and Federal Fire Service, the two buildings would have been razed completely.

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