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# 14 Dead, Dozens Injured As Fire Razes IDP Camp In Borno

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picture for illustrative purpose

No fewer than 14 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been reportedly died and more than a dozen wounded when fire engulfed an IDP camp in Ngala local government area of Borno state.

According to officials, the incident occurred at Ngala IDPs camp in Ngala local government area of Borno state.

A State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) official wrote on his Facebook timeline that the fire is ongoing.

The SEMA Official wrote, happening Now: "Today the 16/04/2020 fire outbreaks at Ngala IDPs Camp burned 1250 households, unconfirmed. Fourteen confirmed dead, 7 critical injury and 8 minor injuries."

The official said that search and rescue is still ongoing.

"Evacuation and assessment is going on," the SEMA official said.

However confirming the fire outbreak at the Ngala IDPs camp, the Chairperson SEMA, Hajiya Yabawa Kolo said 11 IDPs were reported to have lost their lives to the disaster.

She added that she is yet to get the comprehensive report of the actual casualty.

"I am yet to receive comprehensive report of the fire outbreak, so far it is reported that 11 persons died", Hajiya Kolo said.

Also, a tweet by United Nations Office of Coordinator of Humanitarian Affairs in Nigeria also conformed the incident.

A verifiable tweet from the UN agency read: "Another fire outbreak ravaged a camp for internally displaced ppl in #Borno"

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"Our sympathy goes to the many affected

"At least 14 IDPs perished in fire, 15 injured. 300 shelters burned down

It revealed that: "Aid workers are treating the wounded and mobilising urgent support for 8,000 people