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# One dead as fire razes market in Warri

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One person was confirmed dead and property worth several millions of naira were destroyed yesterday when some buildings near Pesu Market in Warri, Delta State, was razed.

It was gathered that the fire started from a store, where petroleum products were kept at 11am, killing the only casualty, identified simply as "a Hausa boy".

The cause of the fire could not be ascertained at the time of filing this report.

The fire, which was still aglow when our reporter visited the scene, also destroyed some stores, a poultry, a skills acquisition training centre and other business concerns, livestock, merchandises and multi-million naira equipment.

The training centre, called Shetans Nigeria Limited, had trained people sponsored by the presidential amnesty programme, Chevron Nigeria Limited and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

The fire destroyed all its equipment.

A training supervisor with the skills centre, Fregene Omawechogwa, told reporters that the centre trained people in computer, photography, welding and other skills.

He said it was holding equipment worth millions, all of which were lost to the fire.

Some other traders were seen trying to salvage what was left of their wares, while hoodlums were sighted looting the chickens that were half roasted in the ravaging inferno.

Fire fighters in the area were said to have arrived the scene of the fire incident late.

But they stopped the fire from spreading to the multi-purpose market.

The remains of the victims were evacuated to the central hospital when the fire reduced.

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