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No fewer than five persons, including a six-month-old baby boy, died in two separate fires last Saturday in Lagos, Director of the state's Fire Service, Mr Rasak Fadipe said yesterday.

He told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that four of the victims were burnt to death when a commercial bus popularly known as 'Danfo' caught fire at Costain, Lagos.

The baby was burnt to death when fire gutted House 52, Shagari Estate in Mosan-Okunola, Ipaja, Lagos.

According to him, the bus was carrying nine passengers when it caught fire.

He said the bus was coming from Lagos Island on top speed while heading to Costain when the driver suddenly lost control and hit the pavement.

The bus somersaulted severally, Fadipe said, adding: "The bus burst into flames, burning to death four men beyond recognition. Five others that sustained serious burns were rescued and taken to the General Hospital, Marina, by the Lagos Emergency Ambulance Services (LASAMBUS).

"The police from Iponri Division removed the bodies to the same hospital. The incident happened on Saturday at about 12.12 p.m," he said.

The director said the Shagari Estate fire was caused by a candlestick lit by the baby's mother, who claimed to be taking fresh air outside, when the incident happened.

Fadipe cautioned the public against candle use, saying many lives have been lost to it.

He urged parents to always keep an eye on their children while sleeping, advising them against locking up children and leaving home for long.

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