Octogenarian dies, one rescued as fire razes house in Ogun

An early morning fire that ravaged a residential building in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital has claimed an octogenarian Madam Mariam Salako.

The fire, which started around 1:am on Saturday at a building located 28 Ifelodun Ago ka area in Abeokuta, burnt the elderly woman to death as she was unable to flee.

However, neighbours were able to rescue an occupant alive through the window.

Ogun Police spokesperson, SP Omolola Odutola, who confirmed the incident in a statement in Abeokuta, said that a distress call was received by the Area Commander that fire had gutted a house at Ago ka area, adding that the remains of the elderly woman had been deposited at a morgue.

"Around 1:00a.m, a distress call was made regarding a building on fire located at No. 28 Ifelodun Ago Ka area in Abeokuta .

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" The Area Commander promptly led a team of police officers to the site while the fire service was called for assistance.

" The Ogun State Fire Service quickly responded and managed to bring the fire under control.

" Unfortunately, an elderly woman, Mariam Salako, aged 80, who lived in the building, was unable to escape and died in the fire incident.

" However, a man known as Baba Ali, whose age is not yet identified, was asleep during the fire and was rescued through a window by community members," Odutola said.