

7 die in destitute colony's fire

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NO fewer than seven people were confirmed dead yesterday in a fire outbreak that engulfed the Kaduna destitute colony along Kano Road-Independence Way in the central part of the metropolis.

The inferno which struck in the early hours razed the home of the *See Page 2 Col 1*

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destitute, leaving them in anguish.

Similarly, unconfirmed number who sustained varying degrees of injuries are rushed to the Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital for treatment.

According to the Special Adviser to the State Governor, Malam Abdullahi Jugunu said for now the victims have nowhere to go to, but will wait for government's assistance

that will be rendered to them or any capable individual that can assist them as their situation invites pity with children longing for food and other basic amenities.

It will be recalled that the state government under Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi built the place for them to have a befitting home rather than remaining in the streets.

Meanwhile, relief materials

including rice, mats and blankets estimated at about one million Naira have been donated to the victims by the Chairman, Kaduna North Local Government Council, Alhaji Shehu Ahmed Giant. The gesture is to help alleviate the plight of the destitute.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs and the District Head of Doka and Gabasawa witnessed the presentation of the relief materials.