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Kano airport fire claims 2 lives

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Two fire service personnel attached to Aminu Kano International Airport [MAKIA] Kano were feared dead while three others sustained various degrees of injuries following an outbreak of bush fire around the airport mid afternoon yesterday.

The victims, according to the reliable source at the airport had attempted to stop the fire and got burnt in the process. The inferno was said to have emanated from a bush fire which later spread to the Airport.

It was gathered that efforts by the fire service at the Airport to contain it was not successful as the five victims were caught at the centre of the fire and could not escape.

Consequently, one of them was burnt to ashes while the others died on the way to the hospital. Three others are now receiving treatment at the hospital.

However, the incident which happened at about 2pm yesterday took fire fighters more than four hours to bring under control just as the the runaway of the Airport was not torched.

One of the victims who was identified as Ahmed got burnt from his abdomen to his head while the other Zubairu got burnt from his waist down. Both men have been placed on the danger list in hospital

At the time of filing this report, the fire was being put off, while air traffic was restored and normalcy returned to the Airport. However, the deceased were buried in accordance with Islamic rites. All efforts to speak with Airport Manager, Mr Ali Nok proved abortive.

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