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5 burnt to death in Lagos inferno •Fire guts shops at Alaba Market

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A man, two women and two teenagers were, on Wednesday, burnt in an early morning inferno that destroyed a house at Mosan Street, off Abida Road, Shagari Estate, at Ipaja area of Lagos State.

Also, about 15 shops, joined to form a unit, went up in flames early Wednesday morning at Alaba International Market, in Lagos.

According to information gathered by the Nigerian Tribune, the fire in the three-bedroom flat started at around 1.00 a.m when everybody was fast asleep.

The identity of any of the deceased was not made available as of the time of filing this report, but available indications suggested that they might be members of the same family.

When contacted through telephone, the Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Mr Rasaq Fadipe, confirmed the incident to the Nigerian Tribune.

Also, traders and consumers arrived at the Alaba Market on Wednesday morning to see some shops at the refrigeration section of the market gutted by the fire.

Though the incident was described as minor by some of the traders at the market, goods worth millions of naira were reportedly destroyed in the inferno.

The fire affected the upper floor of the one-storey building complex, consisting of about 20 shops, where used refrigerators and accessories were stored.

When contacted, the image maker in charge of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Farinloye, said he was not aware of the fire incident.

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