

Ondo State Commissioner for Information, Mr Kayode Akinmade (left) speaking with his Natural Resources counterpart, Tunde Atere, while the Commissioner for Vocation and Adult Education, Mr. Remi Olatubora watched when Akinmade and Atere were honoured by the Old Students Association of their former school, Federal School of Arts and Science, Ondo, recently.

Man burnt to death in hotel, 60 houses razed in Ijora

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ONE person was burnt to death and about 60 wooden houses, including a hotel and shops, were burnt in an early morning fire incident that ravaged Ijora Badia area of Lagos State.

The unidentified deceased person was reportedly passing the night with his female customer at the hotel when the hotel was engulfed in fire.

Other occupants who were familiar with the terrain in the swampy and dirty Lagos community were able to find their way out of the burning houses but the man could not find his way out.

Hundreds of occupants of the affected buildings, including women and children, have been rendered homeless since the early Friday incident.

The fire reportedly raged for almost four hours despite the fact that it occurred just some

metres away from the Sari Iganmu office of the Lagos State Fire and Emergency Agency.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the haphazard nature of the environment made it almost impossible for fire fighters to get to the point of the fire.

A resident of Ijora Badia, Olugbenga, while speaking with the **Saturday Tribune**, attributed the spread of the fire to the multiple power generating sets in the community.

"When the fire got to

houses where there were generators, the inferno became intensified," he said.

He added that the fire started from a suspected lit candle from one of the houses and the fact that the wooden houses were clustered did not help the situation.

According to Gbenga, "it was when people were trying to see if they could salvage one or two things that they discovered the burnt body of the man in one of the rooms in the hotel."

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