

One dies as fire razes house in Osun

THE Osun State Fire Service has confirmed the death of an aged woman, Mrs Omolayo Kolawole, in a fire incident that razed a house at Alapata street, Modakeke-Ife on Saturday.

The Senior Fire Superintendent in Lagere, Ile-Ife, Mr Adeyinmi Adeleye, told the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** on Sunday that the incident occurred around 12:00 a.m. and that his office was alerted at about 12:29 a.m.

He said that the fire service station of the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife and the residents of the area also assisted in halting the inferno.

Adeleye said that the remains of the victim had been handed over to the police and deposited at the morgue of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex, Ile-Ife.

An eyewitness, Mr Bisi Ogunlola, commended the fire service stations at

Ile-Ife and that of OAU for promptly responding to the distress call.

Ogunlola told **NAN** that the fire incident started from the late woman's room through her local lantern (*atupa*) after the kerosene in it spilled on the floor and on the foam.

He said that two aged men, who were also victims, did all they could to rescue the woman but that their efforts did not yield fruit, as she was burnt beyond recognition.