

Three-year-old boy burnt as fire engulfs Lagos building

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A three-year-old boy, simply identified as Michael, was on Saturday burnt to death as fire ravaged a building at Ejigbo area of Lagos State.

It was gathered that the fire started from a lit candle in one of the rooms inside the building.

Millions of naira worth of

goods were destroyed in the inferno and this caused tension around Ejigbo area.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the death of the boy to the Nigerian Tribune on Sunday.

Hundeyin said: "At about 11:00p.m. on March 2, a report was received at Ejigbo police station that a fire broke

out at Number 5, Olorunsogo Street.

"It was reported that the fire was caused by a candle that was lit in one of the rooms.

"The room caught fire and it spread to 10 other rooms in the compound.

"As a result, one child, Micheal, a three-year-old son of one Ayo, was burnt to

death.

"Also, properties worth millions of naira got burnt in the inferno, while a combined team of policemen and fire fighters battled the inferno.

"The burnt body of the boy was taken away from the scene by emergency workers from the Lagos State Ambulance Service."

...on the Lagos Coastal Road in LERRI, Lagos on Sunday. PHOTO: NAN