

Student dies as fire guts Anambra school

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ONE student died, while properties were destroyed after fire gutted the Bishop Crowther Memorial Seminary School in Awka, Anambra State.

The cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained as of the time of filing in this report, but it was gathered that it started at about 11:30p.m., on Saturday.

It was also gathered that the fire destroyed the school's hostel, including mattresses and other students' belongings.

The victim, a student, is said to have been taken to the mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the state fire service chief, Chukwudi Chiketa, said fire-fighters and a fire truck were immediately deployed in the

scene and the fire was contained.

According to the statement by the agency's media unit, the fire chief visited the school on Sunday for inspection, where the principal narrated how the fire affected a part of the school's hostel.

The statement said: "The cause of this fire is still unknown, but it's confirmed that one of the students died at the scene and has been taken to a mortuary.

"The school's principal, Venerable (Dr) Emendu, who received the fire chief, narrated how the fire affected a part of the school's hostel, damaged everything, including mattresses and other students' belongings therein, and left one person dead.

"According to the principal, there was no other casualty and no injury was recorded."