80-year-old woman die, man rescued as fire razes building in Abeokuta

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THE Ogun State Police Command has confirmed the death of an 80-year-old woman, Mariam Salako, in a fire accident that occurred on Saturday at 28 Ifelodun Ago ika area in Abeokuta, the state capital..

SP Omolola Odutola, the command's spokesperson, confirmed the incident in a statement on Saturday.

Odutola noted that a distress call was received by the Area Commander that fire had gutted a house at Ago Ika area.

According to her, the incident occurred at 1:00 a.m.

"Around 1:00 a.m, a distress call was made regarding a building on fire located at Number 28, Ifelodun Ago Ika area in Abeokuta .

"The Area Commander promptly led a team of police officers to the site while the fire service was called for assistance.The Ogun State Fire Service quickly responded and brought the fire under control.

"Unfortunately, an elderly woman, Mariam Salako, aged 80, who lived in the building, was unable to escape and died in the fire incident.

"However, a man known as Baba Ali, whose age is not yet identified, was asleep during the fire and was rescued through the window by community members," she said.

Odutola explained that the remains of the elderly woman had been deposited at the morgue.