

Three burnt to death in Lagos fire incidents

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THREE persons (two males and a female) were burnt to death in separate fire incidents that happened in Lagos on Monday.

One of the incidents occurred at 7, Duroyedoyin Street, Ijeshatedo, while the other took place at Ijagemo in Isheri-Oshun.

In the first incident, the fire allegedly broke out from one of the rooms in the building at about 2.15pm.

It was learnt that as the fire raged and it spread to other parts of the building, residents and neighbours made frantic efforts to call firefighters.

Others combined efforts and started fetching water to quench the fire before the arrival of firefighters.

The fire was eventually put out but after the incident, a 25-year-old man identified as Muri Lawal, was burnt to death.

The second incident happened at about 2am and it involved a lady whose name was given as Iyabo.

The victim was said to be in her single room apartment with

her lover, identified as Balogun, when the fire broke out.

Our correspondent learnt that both lovers were already asleep when the fire began, although the cause of the fire could not be ascertained.

As the fire raged, other residents in the building were rudely woken up and there was a stampede as everybody tried to salvage whatever they could from their property before the fire spread to other rooms.

It was learnt that the fire was later extinguished before it got to other rooms in the building.

However, both lovers were burnt to death in Iyabo's room. Their charred remains were later removed when policemen visited the scene in the morning.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed both incidents to our correspondent on Tuesday.

Mba said the value of properties destroyed in the incidents had not been estimated, adding that the causes of the fire outbreaks were still being investigated.