

# **One killed, two hospitalised in midday inferno**

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**O**NE person was burnt to death while five others were hospitalised following injuries sustained when a petroleum 'black market' in Somoye area of Ikire, Osun State, caught fire, on Thursday.

Our correspondent found that the deceased was burnt beyond recognition while two of the surviving victims were transferred to the University College Hospital, Ibadan from the General Hospital, Ikire, because of the severity of their burns.

It was gathered that fire erupted when some of the victims were attempting to scoop fuel from one container to another.

A witness disclosed to our correspondent that the two female victims were transferred to UCH, Oyo State because of the nearness of Ikire to Ibadan.

Chief of Staff to Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Mr Peter Babalola, who visited the scene, told our correspondent that the government would move the traders away from the area to avoid a recurrence.