

Girl drowns in well, fire consumes 30 Lagos shops

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Scene of the fire incident. Photo: LASEMA

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The family of a three-year-old girl, Seyi Jebose, has been thrown into mourning after she drowned in a well in the Ipaja area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Jebose was playing in the compound of her parents' house on Gemini Street, Baruwa, Ipaja, Lagos, when she mistakenly stepped on the rusty cover of the well and fell into it.

Emergency responders were said to have recovered her body.

A spokesman for the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Nosa Okunbor, said the recovery operation commenced around 7.42pm, adding that Jebose's corpse had been handed over to her family.

He said, "With the combined efforts of LASEMA, Lagos State Fire Service and NPF, Alagolo division, the girl was brought out of the well and rushed to the Solad Hospital, Maria Street, Baruwa Ipaja, where she was confirmed dead on arrival."

Meanwhile, no fewer than 30 shops, consisting 16 kiosks and 14 stalls, were destroyed by an early morning fire which gutted the Adeniji Adele Market on the Lagos Island.

LASEMA, in a statement, said the fire was caused by electrical malfunction in one of the shops.

Properties and goods estimated at millions of naira were said to have been lost to the inferno, which began around 3am on Sunday.

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