

Pregnant woman, siblings increase FCT fire's death toll to 10

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FIVE more persons have died as a result of the fire outbreak recorded at Kubwa village market in Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory last Friday, bringing the death toll to 10.

While five persons reportedly died on the day of the incident, five others were said to have died on Saturday at the hospital where they were receiving treatment.

The Director-General of the FCT Emergency Management Agency, Abbas Idriss, disclosed this on Tuesday in a statement by the agency's acting Head, Public

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rate with significant shifts being observed in the isoclines and ecosystems levels, thus leading to rapid changes in the coastal areas of Nigeria.

"The House is also worried that the projected sea-level rise in the coastal areas of Lagos State could be more than one meter by 2100, which will result in ample loss of land to the sea, considering that Lafiji community ocean surge which was about 420 feet is now about 100 feet; in Okun Ajah, the distance to sea was about 500 meters but it is now less than 40 meters, while Okun Alfa is down from 850 feet to 82 feet."

The lawmaker further noted that the 2021 Annual Flood Outlook has predicted more flooding in Eti Osa.

Relations Unit, Ngaha Faustina.

The statement listed a pregnant woman and two children of the same family as among the latest casualties, adding that 11 persons are still at the hospital receiving treatment.

The statement was titled 'Kubwa fire: FEMA cautions residents.'

It read, "Idriss stated that several people sustained different degrees of burns, and were receiving treatment at the Kubwa General Hospital and some were later referred to National Hospital following the directives of the Minister of State (FCT), Dr. Ramatu Aliyu, after a visit to the hospital to commiserate with the people.

"He revealed that five lives were lost on the day of the fire incident, while five more were lost the following day at the National Hospital, bringing to a total of 10 lives lost.

"Among those that lost their lives include a pregnant woman, and two children of the same family with 11 still at the hospital.

"Idriss called for the need for sellers of flammable materials to be segmented outside the markets, adding that it will go a long way to prevent fire outbreaks in the market.

"The Director General further tasked the Abuja Market Management Authority Limited to implement the fire code that stipulates among other

requirements that public and private buildings should install smoke detectors and fire alarms, and to also ensure the market has at least a fire hydrant, hose reel and other fire equipment at strategic points."

"He also urged traders to desist from dispensing fuel from surface

Two burnt to death in Delta barracks apartment fire

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TWO boys were reportedly burnt to death in a dawn fire that razed an apartment in a military barrack in Delta State on Tuesday.

The PUNCH gathered that a girl within the apartment however escaped.

The fire occurred at 3 Battalion, Nigerian Army, Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Witnesses said one of the deceased kids was a child of an officer at the barracks while the other kid was said to be visiting the family as of the time of the incident.

It was gathered that two of the

LEIC 2021 to host delegates from 15 countries

Victor Ayeni

THE Priesthood Leadership Development Initiative has announced its Leadership Empowerment International Conference which will be held in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The three-day conference themed, 'Post-Pandemic Leadership Reset, is scheduled to

tanks to avert recurrence."

Meanwhile, the FCT Administration on Tuesday demolished illegal motor parks and shanties in Zuba, a suburb of Abuja.

According to the taskforce, the parks and makeshift shops were constituting security threats to residents.

children are siblings and were fast asleep in a room while the surviving girl was in the other room when the fire broke out in the apartment.

The authorities of the barracks could not be reached for information, but an officer who did not want his name in print, confirmed the incident, saying it happened in the early hours of Tuesday.

"Three children were involved but one of them was able to escape the mysterious fire which was later put out.

"One of the children was brought there to spend the weekend," he said.

start on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

The International Director, Media and Communication for LEIC 2021, Pastor Wole Dosunmu, said this in a statement on Tuesday.

He said, "A three-day international conference organised by the Priesthood Leadership Development Initiative tagged Leadership Empowerment International Conference 2021 begins on Wednesday, November

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