



3 die at Nnewi hotel fire incident

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THREE ladies were, on Friday, burnt to death in a hotel in Ezekwuabo Otolu Nnewi, Anambra state.

The hotel was reportedly caught fire in the early hours of the morning after the day's business.

The cause of the fire outbreak was unknown at the time of filing this report.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, said the victims were fast asleep when the hotel went up in flames.

She said the fire started after the owner of the facility closed for the day, leaving behind three ladies.

"The ladies were fast asleep when they were caught up in the inferno and were burnt beyond recognition. They couldn't escape because they couldn't find the exit," she said.

Sunday Sun gathered that the corpses have been deposited at Nnewi Diocesan Hospital awaiting identification by the deceased families.

Confirming the incident, the Commissioner of Police, Job 'Abang described it as unfortunate.

"Yes, it's a drinking joint and the waiters who do sleep over there lost their lives, very unfortunate," he said.

He said the owner of the building had made a useful statement to the police.