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# 1 killed, 7 injured as fire destroys Lagos shopping plaza

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**A**-yet-to-be identified trader was said to have died while seven others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a fire outbreak that gutted a five-storey shopping Plaza at the Balogun market in Lagos.

While the body of the deceased had been deposited at the Lagos Island Hospital morgue, the injured were admitted at the emergency unit of the same hospital. Rescuers identified the injured people simply as female petty traders. Already, four hoodlums have since been arrested for allegedly taking advantage of the tense situation to loot goods belonging to the affected traders.

Yesterday's fire incident at Balogun would be the third of such incidents at the market within the last three months. There was a serious fire outbreak at the same market on January 26, 2023. The fire gutted property at number 3/5 Gbajumo Street, Italian Plaza, Balogun.

On February 2, 2023, another tragedy struck at the Balogun market when fire gutted the topmost part of a three-storey building on number 73, Martins Street, by Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) building, and destroyed goods worth millions in the process.

Yesterday's incident also affected the topmost floor of a five-storey building. Those affected by the fire outbreak alleged that their goods worth several millions were affected.

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