

Fire Claims One, Renders Scores Homeless

A mystery fire which broke out in Karkashi and two other villages in Kiyawa Local Government Area of Jigawa State yesterday claimed the life of seven-year old Hauwa'u Sabo as it destroyed property worth hundreds of thousands of naira and rendered scores homeless.

The fire outbreak, it was gathered, occurred in the afternoon in Masanawa, Karkashi and Garko villages, while most male residents were out conducting their various businesses leaving women to fight off the fire which was enhanced by the afternoon wind.

According to Adamu Binya, one of those affected in Masanawa village, the fire started in the village at about 2pm. He said nobody could explain the cause of the fire as it was already blazing when it was noticed.

"As I am speaking to you now, nobody can tell you the

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cause of the fire.

All we saw was fire. And, like a mystery, it started spreading before we could react. It burnt down houses and barns filled with grains in the process. It also killed some domestic animals and destroyed properties.

We are however grateful to Allah that there was no loss of life though a housewife, Hama Adamu was badly injured by the fire", he disclosed.

Speaking to THISDAY in Karkashi village, Malam Abdulmumini, an eye witness said the fire started in the village round 4pm, lamenting that he had lost all his property to the

fire.

Malam Sabo Karkashi, father of the only girl that died in the outbreak told newsmen that the young girl was in one of the rooms when the fire started and was suffocated by heavy smoke which resulted in her death.

"We searched all over the place for her when the fire started not knowing that she was inside one of the affected rooms. It was after we controlled the fire that we discovered her remains in one of the destroyed rooms", he lamented.

When contacted, the chairman of Kiyawa local government, Alhaji Dahiru Madaki confirmed the fire outbreaks.

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