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A 10-year-old boy alongside four other yet to be identified persons, have been confirmed dead by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) following the explosion of a gas retailing centre located at Ojekunle Street, Ladipo Spare Part market area of Lagos State, in the early

hours of vesterday.

According to Acting Zonal Coordinator, South West Zonal Office, NEMA, Ibrahim Farinloye, the outbreak happened at Ojekunke Street, Ladipo Mushin area of Lagos state and recorded five casualties, consisting of four males and one female.

"The scene, plot 33/35 was said to have been sealed because the side of the street was dedicated as mechanical village on which no other user is allowed but after sometimes, the seal and lock were removed before the incident occurred

"Further investigation revealed that the gas at the retailing store ignited and exploded. However, the agency, in a combined effort from other emergency responders

was able to put the fire under control and the fire men are blanketing the affected area.

"Unfortunately, three male adults have lost their lives to the incident. Total casualties recorded remains at five, four males and one female burnt to death. The bodies have been bagged and taken away by their respective families.