

Two-yr-old baby burnt to death in Lagos inferno

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LAGOS—TRAGEDY struck Tuesday night in Mushin area of Lagos after a 2-year-old baby was burnt to death in an inferno that engulfed over fifty shanties.

The fire said to have started from one of the shanties at about 11pm, also destroyed properties which monetary value are yet to be estimated.

The cause of the inferno which has rendered occupants of the shanties located on Akinola close, off Martins street, Olosha, Mushin, homeless, is yet to be ascertained. Report said one of the occupants who was returning home from work, noticed thick smoke emanating from the affected shanty and alerted other occupants who ran out of their rooms to put out the raging fire.

But their efforts was futile as they reportedly watched helplessly as the fire spread

to several other shanties. Most of them who managed to salvage their properties to a safer place, reportedly lost some of them to hoodlums who pretended to be helping out.

The presence of policemen from Alakara saved the affected occupants from losing everything to the hoodlums who on sighting the policemen avoided the scene.

The remains of the 2-year-old child who was yet to be identified as at time of writing this report was reportedly discovered by fire-service-men who arrived the scene to put out the raging fire which had already caused a lot of havoc.

Confirming the incident which he described as tragic, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said the corpse of the unidentified baby had been removed to the public mortuary, while the police are still investigating the cause of the fire.