

# Middle-aged man, girlfriend killed in fire outbreak

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**L**AGOS—A middle aged man and his female friend, were weekend burnt to death in a fire that gutted some shanties in Victoria Island area of Lagos.

The incident which occurred at about 11 pm on Saturday, was said to have started from the deceased room identified as Mr. Chidi Uzor.

Though the cause of the inferno was immediately not ascertained, but eye witnesses said the fire might have been caused by a leakage of diesel which the deceased was dealing in.

The fire was said to have spread to other shanties razing down not less than 15 other shanties and destroying property which monetary value is yet to be quantified.

The charred body of the deceased and his female friend said to have come from the Eastern part of the country for the Christmas and the new year celebrations, were reportedly discovered after the fire had been put off.

The Lagos State Public Relations Officer (PRO), Mr. Frank Mba, said the charred remains of Uzor and his girlfriend had been removed by the police.