

# 4 7-year-old boy dies in Lagos fire

By Evelyn Usman

**L**AGOS—A seven-year-old boy has reportedly died in a fire outbreak that engulfed two bungalows on Akanbi Street, Mile 12, Ketu area of Lagos, yesterday.

This is just as a mall on Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, Surulere area of Lagos, was engulfed in a separate fire.

Causes of both incidents were yet to be ascertained.

It was gathered that the Ketu fire started in the early hours of yesterday, jostling occupants of the bungalows from sleep, as they scampered for safety.

Director, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Adeseye Margaret, said: "Due to delay in distress call, the raging fire caused severe damage to the buildings and a male child of about seven years was recovered from the building and suspected dead."

However, she said the fire was confined and eventually subdued.

Also confirming the fire that engulfed a Leisure Mall on Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, in Surulere, Lagos, she said: "The fire was

reported at 14:41p.m., yesterday. Sari-Iganmu and Ajegunle fire crew of the agency were in attendance to forestall the disaster in the prestigious mall, with heavy smoke billowing

the sky, as a result of the audio-visual sound production materials of the cinema.

"The Federal Fire Service, Ojuelegba Station was also in attendance and no injury or death recorded."

## 5 SSS 2 student drowns in Ondo river

By Dayo Johnson

**A**KURE — Tragedy struck at Owena, Ondo East Local Government Area of Ondo State, when an SSS 2 student of Owena Community Grammar School, Mwafor Emmanuel, was found dead in a river.

Mwafor, 19, it was gathered, went to the river to swim, where he met his untimely death. He was said to have gone to the river that passes through the back of his school to swim alone.

Sources said the victim left his uniform and school sandals at

the bank of the river.

A teacher in the school, who spoke with *Vanguard* in confidence said: "It was really an unfortunate incident. The incident happened after the school hours. Other students had gone to their houses when the boy decided to go and swim alone.

"The victim was said to have removed his uniform and sandals before jumping into the river to swim. He must have drowned when he went deeper inside the river.

"Unfortunately, if other students were with him when the