

4 Killed in tragic Lagos fire incident

....Another 2 from collapsed school fence

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FOUR people have been killed in a tragic fire outbreak that occurred in the early hours of Sunday, at Olodi Apapa, Lagos.

The deceased, according to reports, were staff members of a lounge and bar located on Baale Road, Olodi Apapa.

It was learned that the incident, which was reported to Tolu Division at 7:50 a.m., prompted a swift response from emergency services.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State spokesperson, Benjamin Hundeyin, said: "Teams of policemen and firefighters were quickly mobilised to the scene and managed to extinguish the blaze, which had engulfed the entire building. Despite their efforts, four individuals, who were staff members of the establishment, were found burned beyond recognition. The remains have been transported to the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH) morgue in Yaba for autopsy.

"The cause of the fire and the extent of property damage remain undetermined, and authorities have launched an investigation to uncover further details," he added.

In a related development, two people died after a school fence collapsed on them while they were walking home during the heavy rainfall on October 12, on Apano Street, off Nurudeen Obe Street, in the Ejigbo area of Lagos.

It was learned that the school fence collapsed on three individuals identified as Amaka (female) aged 30, Etim (male) aged 28, and Emmanuel (male) aged 12.

When they were rescued and rushed to Isolo General Hospital for treatment, Etim and Emmanuel were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty, while Amaka is receiving treatment at the orthopedic hospital in Igbobi.