

# ① Fire razes house in Abeokuta, kills 80-year-old woman

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**A**n 80-year-old woman, Mariam Salako, on Saturday, lost her life in an early morning fire accident that occurred at 28, Ifelodun Ago Ika area of Abeokuta.

Spokesperson for the Ogun State Police Command, SP Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident in a statement.

Odutola said a distress call was received by the Area Commander that fire gutted a house at Ago Ika.

According to her, the incident occurred at 1:00a.m, saying that the cause of the fire was yet to be determined.

She said, "Around 1:00a.m, a distress call was made regarding a building on fire located at No. 28, Ifelodun Ago Ika area in Abeokuta."

"The Area Commander promptly led a team of police officers to the site while the fire service was called for assistance.

"The Ogun State Fire Service quickly responded and managed to bring the fire under control.

"Unfortunately, an elderly woman, Mariam Salako, aged 80, who lived in the building, was unable to escape and died in the fire incident.

"However, a man known as Baba Ali, whose age is not yet identified, was asleep during the fire and was rescued through a window by community members," she said.

Odutola explained that the remains of the elderly woman had been deposited at the morgue.