

Fire Destroys Shegerab Refugee Camp Market Place

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Fire broke out at Shegerab refugee camp market place in Eastern Sudan destroying properties, refugee houses, and shops worth of \$ 100,000 US dollar on Thursday, May 28, 2009. According to the committee appointed to investigate the accident, the fire destroyed 115 stores and 9 refugee houses.

The fire started in unoccupied house built out of grass and wooden materials. Residents of the camp tried to put out the fire, but flames soon became out of control and consumed the entire market place of the camp, sources of Eritrean People's Party added. There is no fire or emergency service in Shegerab refugee camp.

Shegerab refugee camp has seen 10 fire accidents since its establishment in 1985, causing thousands worth of property damages. For a long time, there was little information available as to the cause of all the fire accidents in the camp. But refugees in the camp did not doubt that there were people causing the fire.

Now, latest news reaching Eritrean People's Party says evidence found in the camp shows the fire seem to have been intentionally set by the government of Isayas of Eritrea.

There are over 29,000 Eritrean refugees in Shegerab refugee camp of whom 9000 are new comers who arrived at the camp over the last five months.