SUSPICION LOOMS OVER WOMAN'S DEATH

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The death of a woman due to a fire that broke out in her house yesterday, is being suspected as a murder, it was learnt.

The incident happened yesterday morning in Al Qurraya village. General Directorate of Crime Detection announced that a criminal investigation has been launched into the death. Reports said that the woman was a Saudi national. Sources confirmed to *DT* that the house was rented by a Saudi man.

The fire in the house was reported at 8.15am and the Civil Defence team was at the scene soon. However, the woman could not be rescued as the blaze that spread from the bedroom had caught up fast, it was learnt. According to reports 60 per cent of the house was damaged due to the fire and smoke.

Interior Ministry earlier announced that the house was in Saar and later corrected the statement.

DT had earlier reported that two women were burnt to death in Isa Town on Saturday, when a fire broke out in their ground floor bedroom. Reports could not clarify the reason for the fire - while suspected electric short circuit was attributed as a reason by neighbours. A gas cylinder blast was also doubted. Investigation is underway while Mona Ali Hassat Khalil Ibrahim, 81 and her daughter Amina Isa Ali Hassan Al Najas, 51 were buried in Naim Cemetery.