HEADLINE → **Fire Destroys 40 Stalls in Kalimati Vegetable Market**

BYLINE → By a staff reporter

DATELINE → Kathmandu, 10 Mangsir 2083

LEAD → A fire that broke out at around 2 am on Wednesday destroyed 40 stalls in the Kalimati vegetable market, causing losses estimated at Rs 1.2 crore. No one was injured.

BODY → According to the Kathmandu Metropolitan Police Range, the fire started from an electrical short circuit in a storage room and spread quickly through the wooden stalls. Three fire engines from Kathmandu and Lalitpur brought it under control after two hours.

“We lost all the vegetables we had stocked for the week,” said Ram Bahadur Shrestha, a trader who has run a stall there for twelve years.

The market committee said trading would continue from temporary stalls from Friday.

ENDING → Police have begun an investigation into the cause of the fire.

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