Ibadan residents scamper for safety as gas explosion claims three lives

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Residents and passers-by on Friday night scampered for safety as gas explosion claimed the lives of three persons as well as destroyed properties worth millions of naira at Idi-Iroko, Amuloko.area in Ona-Ara local government area of Oyo.

One of the victims, as reliably gathered was identified as the owner of the Tank farm while the identities of the other victims could not be ascertained as at time of filing the reports.

However, our source disclosed that they were burnt beyond recognition which made it difficult for an easy identification

It was gathered that explosion occurred when a gas tanker with registration number LSR268YC loaded with 15 tonnes capacity of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) was offloading the content into the gas skid tank.

Our source added, “Even though we could not say exactly what triggered the explosion, the only thing I know is that there was a blast which was accompanied by fire.

It was late in the evening. Both the passersby and Farm tankers scampered for safety but three persons were unlucky as they were consumed by fire.

“Aside the recorded death, the valuables including blocks of residential building were razed by fire.

Also confirming the incident, the Special Adviser to the governor, on fire reform/ Chairman Fire Services Agency Hon. Moroof Adebayo Akinwande said three lives were lost to the incident.

According to him, “It was a gas tanker Regd. No LSR268YC loaded with 15 tonnes capacity of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) that exploded while transferring the content into the gas skid tank.

“The blast damaged two (2) and a residential building; three (3) persons were recovered and handed over to a team of policemen from Akanran Division.

“The operation was jointly carried out with a crew of firemen from Federal Fire Service, Ibadan Command.

“The explosion sparkled panic among residents, the prompt arrival of our officers contained the situation”

The chairman emphasised the importance of obtaining the Fire service , DPR and other stakeholders approval before installing gas tank or cylinder to avoid unnecessary explosion.

He assured the community that all necessary fire safety has been done and the investigation team would be sent to ascertain the root cause of the incident in order to avert future occurrence.