

# One dead, two injured in Lagos gas tanker explosion

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One person, yet to be fully identified, died early Saturday, while two others were injured in a gas explosion triggered by a road crash in the Sangotedo area of Ajah, Lagos State.

The explosion destroyed goods and properties worth millions of naira, as roadside shops were burnt in the resulting fire.

An unmarked tipper truck reportedly rammed into a gas tanker, causing a loud explosion that led to the death of the victim, identified simply as the driver of the tipper truck.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) confirmed the incident in a statement signed by its Permanent Secretary, Dr Femi Oke-Osanyintolu.

The LASEMA boss said, "The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency can confirm that one person lost his life, while two others sustained injuries following a gas tanker explosion at Ologuro Bus Stop, opposite Total Filling Station, Sangotedo."

According to the agency, "Upon the arrival of our Shark Team at the scene, it was discovered that a tipper truck with an unidentified registration number had rammed into a gas tanker from behind, resulting in a fire outbreak."

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"From preliminary investigations conducted at the scene, it was determined that the immediate cause of the incident was the tipper truck driver's overspeeding and reckless driving," the agency stated.

It added, "Regrettably, the driver of the tipper truck, an adult male, died as a result of the impact. Two adult females sustained minor injuries and were promptly administered first aid by officials of the Lagos State Ambulance Service."

It was also observed that the resulting fire engulfed four roadside shops, causing significant damage. The tanker's contents remain trapped within the vehicle.

The LASEMA Shark Team, in collaboration with the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service and LASAMBUS officials, responded swiftly and successfully curtailed the spread of the fire, preventing it from escalating to adjoining buildings.