

Fuel tank explosion kills two in Plateau

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File photo of an explosion scene.

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An explosion at a filling station in the Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State on Friday claimed the lives of two welders and left three other persons injured.

Some residents of the Bokkos town, including the chairman of the Community Peace Observers in the LGA, Kefas Mallai, confirmed the incident to *City Round* in Jos on Friday.

Mallai said the explosion occurred at the fuel station located in Daffo community while maintenance work was being carried out on an underground tank.

He said, “Yes, it’s true. Today, Friday, April 17, 2026, two persons died, and three others were injured at Daffo Town of Bokkos LGA, Plateau State, as an underground tank of Natty Filling Station exploded during welding maintenance. Residents and sympathisers who heard of the explosion have just gathered at the scene at the moment.

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“The dead victims were a welder and his boy. They were trying to weld the leaking part of the underground tank. There was no fuel in the tank, and because of that, they thought there was no problem. But as soon as they started work on the tank, it suddenly exploded with fire everywhere, killing the two artisans instantly.

“The three persons who sustained injuries were standing nearby watching as the repairs were going on. While the dead are not yet buried, those injured have been rushed to the hospital and are currently receiving treatment.”

The authorities had yet to issue an official statement on the incident and the identities of the victims were also not known as of the time of filing this report.

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