

Tanker explosion kills two in Port-Harcourt

From Henry Omuu, Port-Harcourt

inferno.

Although, what made the tanker skid off the road could not be immediately known, but eyewitnesses said "we are suspecting the vehicle might have had a brake failure, which was why it veered off the road".

An eyewitness, who iden-



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after take-off

of their windshields to ensure they were in good condition following the Aero contractors' aborted flight.

It also advised the airlines to pay special attention to their electrical heating systems.

The precautionary measures, NCAA said in a circular to the airlines, were in the interest of safety. (NAN)

tified himself as Uche said the vehicle "on hitting the bar of the pedestrian bridge, exploded".

It was also learnt that the car dealer was saved from losing more cars from the raging inferno by the quick response of fire fighters from the State Fire Service.

Daily Trust learnt that the charred remains of the two dead men have been deposited at the Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, Port Harcourt, while, the wreckage of the accident has been cleared by men of the State Environmental Agency.

Speaking at the scene of the accident, special adviser to the governor on sanitation matters, Mr. Ipalibo Harry attributed the accident to "carelessness and over-speeding".

The car dealer, Evangelist Vitalis Iyiakaimo, who lost five cars, explained that he was alerted of the incident at about 5am by friends.

Iyiakaimo put the cost of the vehicles he lost to the fire at N15.5 million.

Similarly, three persons were feared dead when a white coloured 190 Mercedes Benz car with registration number JE 765 KJA, fell into the Nwaja river in Port Harcourt, at the weekend.

Eyewitnesses said the car skidded off the road, and fell into the river.

According to them, the occupants might have been returning from a night club, when the accident occurred at about 2am early hours of the morning.

One eyewitness said, "we suspect they must have been very drunk".

Speaking differently another eyewitness who spoke to *Daily Trust* on grounds of anonymity said the river might have swallowed them mysteriously", recalling that last year a similar incident happened.