

Explosion kills 10 in Rivers

An explosion has killed 10 people at an illegal fuel dump site used by oil bunkerers in Andoni, Rivers State.

Daily Trust learnt that the explosion occurred Wednesday night and that the yet-to-be identified victims could be members of a gang that engages in shady oil deals and bunkering in the area.

Details of the explosion were still sketchy as at press time, but confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Ireju Baresua, said the incident occurred at one of the numerous hamlets located in Andoni.

She put the death toll at five but *Daily Trust* learnt that the figure was higher than the official casualty figure released by the police.

It learnt further that apart from the dead, many people sustained injuries as a result of the severe burns and blamed militants in the area

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for the incident.

The spokesman of the Joint Task Force in the state, Lieutenant Col. Sagir Musa confirmed the incident and revealed that relevant authorities, including the military, have been mobilized to the scene to maintain law and order.

NDLEA arra

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) will today arraign one of its former Commanders, Abdullahi Bawa, before a Federal Court in Lagos for traffickers.

...ount charge of ... and abetting and ... removal of exhibits was re-elled against the former commander. He was arrested on November 28, ... agency had ... evidence for