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The Maje community, a suburb of Suleja town in Niger State, Sunday morning witnessed a tragedy when a tanker loaded with petroleum fell down by road side at Unguwar Makera of the depot village, killing a woman and the tanker's assistant driver.

Matron at Suleja General hospital confirmed that Seven other people were brought to the hospital while one of them who sustained serious injuries was referred to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada.

About 28 shops close to the scene were said to have been touched by the incident.

Eyewitness said the driver of the ill-fated tanker, Usama Afolabi Bello, survived the incident with injuries on his two legs.

One of the owners of the affected shops, Alhaji Dahiru Ladan, called on relevant authorities to come to their aid.

The Divisional Police Officer of the Suleja 'B' division Police station, confirmed the incident, adding that the tanker was coming from Lagos to Abuja but had a stopover at IPMAN office at Maje before the unfortunate incident.

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