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2 die in Oshodi-Apapa Expressway tanker fire

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Two persons died while several others were injured after an oil tanker caught fire on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway yesterday.

It was gathered that a 33,000-litre tanker carrying fuel fell at Cele Bus Stop area, spilling its content on the road and inside drainage lines.

The tanker was said to have been coming from one of the depots at Kirikiri and was heading towards Oshodi when it fell in the middle of the road. A witness said the tanker driver was on top speed and that he lost control of the truck when he sighted some people trying to cross the road. According to the witness, the driver slammed down on his break, causing the truck to swerve from side to side until it fell almost by the side of the pedestrian bridge at Cele.

A commercial bus driver, Kareem Akindele, told Daily Trust that some of

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the injured persons were among the hoodlums who besieged the place to scoop fuel. "Two persons died in the incident. Both the injured and the deceased were taken away by rescuers from the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA)," he added.

Vehicular movement from that axis slowed considerably between 5pm and 7pm yesterday as the gridlock had stretched for kilometres.

Public Relations Officer of NEMA in the South West Region, Ibrahim Farinloye, who confirmed the incident, said only one person died.



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