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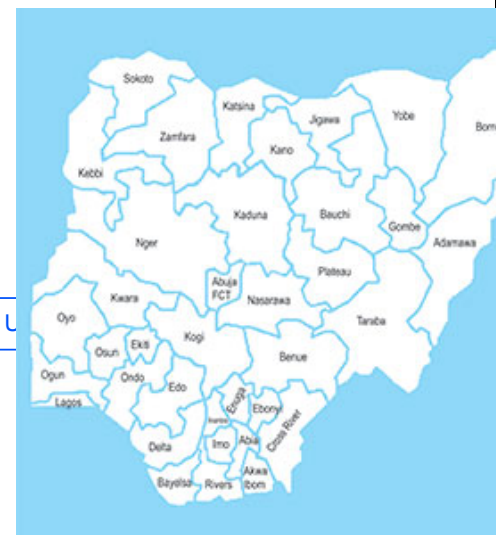
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The death toll from the tanker fire which occurred in Tegna, Rafi Local Government Area of Niger state Friday morning, has risen to 20, Daily Trust learnt yesterday.

Our correspondent reported on Saturday that 17 people, including women and children, died in the accident which left scores with various degrees of burns, four in

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critical condition.

The remains of 16 people, burnt beyond recognition were buried in a mass grave after the incident.

However out of those who sustained severe burns, 17 year-old Shariff Umar, who was initially admitted at the General Hospital Kangara but discharged following the request of his parents, died at home early yesterday morning.

Also, 11 year-old Khadijat Bala with second degree burns died on Friday, while Kudirat Alfa died yesterday.

Kudirat was said to have already fled to safe location but ran back to the danger spot when she remembered that her son, Ayuba, was still in the house. She never got to the house when the ensuing inferno nearly consumed her, while her little son died in the incident.

Meanwhile, Niger State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello has announced a N28 million relief package to the families of the victims of the disaster.

According to Malam Jirbrin Ndache, the governor's press secretary, the governor announced the cash assistance when he paid a condolence visit to survivors and families of the victims of the inferno.

Sani Bello said the cash assistance was to provide the survivors with succour and help those whose houses and business premises were burnt.

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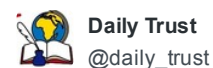
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