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Two persons were burnt to death while two others sustained varying degrees of burns in a gas explosion that occurred at Nkwelle-Ezunka in Oyi local government area of Anambra state.

The deceased, the driver of the tanker from the north and a young man, identified as Ezenwoke Nwigwe, from Ikeala Ngwa, Abia State, said to have recently returned from Ibadan after his youth service, were said to have died at the orthopedic hospital in Enugu where they were rushed to.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident occurred around 11 am on Saturday at Onochie Nnanna filling station located in the area when the tanker loaded with gas was discharging.

One of the victims of the inferno, Chief Nnamdi Okafor, a landlord of two of the buildings close to the station, told Daily Trust that all the documents and property belonging to the occupants of the houses were lost to the inferno.

Okafor said that the clothes he wore were bought after the incident. "The fire incident has crippled me, everything I have as a man has been lost, but what pains me most is the loss of Eze, who I always call my son," he said.

Another victim, a security man at the gas station, Harrison Alphonsus, said he survived the explosion because he ran away after one of the deceased who came on a rescue mission had collected the fire extinguisher from him.

On his part, the owner of the gas station, Onochie Nwokike, said what happened to him was enough for anybody to commit suicide.



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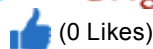
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