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Fire razes NPA tank farm, kills 20

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An early fire has razed parts of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) tank farm in Calabar, killing 20 people, including workers and drivers.

While witnesses insisted that no less than 20 died, the Nigeria Police said only seven died from the inferno by 10 am yesterday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Irene Ugbo, said, "The information we have is that seven people are affected by the fire."

Witnesses said the fire started at 4am, ignited by people who attempted to siphon fuel from one of the tanks located in front of the administrative

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The fire burnt several fuel trucks, buildings and other nearby properties.

Neither officials of the NPA nor the tank farm management were ready to speak to journalists as the fire raged.

Officials and men of the NPA fire brigade and the state fire service were at the scene of the fire incident but did not appear to have sufficient water to battle the fire.

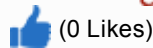
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