

Death toll in Rivers tanker inferno hits 6

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Three out of the five badly burnt victims of a petrol tanker fire on Christmas Day in Port Harcourt have died at the Braithwaite Memorial Hospital, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, bringing the casualty figure to six.

The five victims were evacuated to the hospital shortly after the incident.

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The fire incident which occurred in the early hours of Tuesday razed down several makeshift houses, stores and other properties worth millions of naira.

Three persons had earlier lost their lives on the day of the incident after the tanker fell around Rumuola Junction and spilled its content which ignited fire.

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Two other victims who suffered various degrees of burnt were said to be in a critical condition .

Meanwhile, the state chairman of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria, Emmanuel Inimgba, said the association would assist the victims' families.