

FRSC confirms 37 killed, 101 injured in Benue tanker explosion

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The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission in Benue State, Aliyu Baba, yesterday confirmed 37 dead and 101 injured in the Monday's tanker explosion in Ahumbe village along the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo Road in Gwer East Local Government Area of the state.

Official reports also indicated that 101 people were hospitalised at different hospitals across the state as a result of injuries sustained in the incident.

He told newsmen in Makurdi that the death toll might be higher as some of the victims were currently in critical conditions in more than eight hospitals spread across Makurdi and Alaide in Gwer East LGAs respectively.

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The Chief Medical Director of the Benue State Teaching Hospital, Dr Terlumun Swende, said 10 victims of the fire incident were brought to the hospital on Monday. He said the victims were severely burnt, stressing that the least of them secured 75 percent lower degree burns and that more critical cases were being referred to the facility from other hospitals.

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Swende said a team of surgeons, Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders as well as personnel of BSUTH were working round the clock to salvage the situation.

Governor Samuel Ortom through his spokesman, TerverAkase, condoled with families of the victims and assured survivors that the state government would assist in payment their medical bills.

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