

3 almajirai, 8 others burnt in tanker fire

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Three almajirai and eight other people were burnt to death after a petrol tanker exploded in Gawu in Abaji Area Council of the FCT.

The names of the almajirai could not be ascertained but the eight others were a housewife, Halima Mohammed Yusuf; Chairman of the vigilante of Gawu, Adamu Ibrahim; Dantala Usman, Umar Aliyu, Mohammed Hamza, Hassan Usman, Gambo Hamisu and Sani Abdulmutalib.

A resident of the community, Usman Yakubu, said the incident happened around 9.am yesterday when the petrol laden tanker was trying to avoid collision with a trailer.

Yakubu said some natives of the community after noticing that the petrol was

rushing out of the tanker rushed to the scene with buckets and jerry-cans to scoop the fuel.

He explained that, "It was while scooping the fuel that it exploded and killed three almajiri boys and eight others, including a woman who came to chase the boys away."

The Chief of Gawu, Alhaji Yusuf Ibrahim, said, "Unfortunately, we also lost one woman who went to chase the boys away from the tanker and the bodies have been buried according to Islamic rites."

The FCT Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Wobin Gora, confirmed the incident through telephone.

He said 11 people were burnt to death and that 10 others: eight men and two women, sustained burns and had been taken to hospital.

■ A petrol tanker which exploded and killed 3 Almajiri's and 8 others in Gawu community in Abaji Area council, Abuja yesterday
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