

# 2 killed, shops burnt as petrol tanker crashes in Zaria

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A driver and his conductor have lost their lives while shops and property worth millions of naira were destroyed when a petrol tanker crashed in Zaria, Kaduna State.

The accident occurred in the early hours of yesterday at Dan Magaji Flyover along Kaduna-Kano Expressway in Zaria, Kaduna State.

Abdurrahman Yakasai, the Unit Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Zaria, confirmed this to *Daily Trust* but declined to speak further for being busy at the scene of the accident.

Also speaking, Alhaji Maiwada Zaria, Deputy Chairman, Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria, Kaduna State chapter, said those that died were yet to be identified but their remains had been deposited at a mortuary.

He said the petrol tanker, with plate number Jigawa RNG 065 XA, was conveying 45,000 litres of petrol from Lagos to Kano but due to the ongoing construction on the road, one lane was closed to traffic. The tanker driver was avoiding a bus whose driver made a dangerous overtaking.

"In the process of avoiding the bus, he was forced to the shoulders of the road and the weight of the petrol forced the tanker to crash.

"In the process, the driver, his conductor died and one person was critically injured - who are all yet to be identified," he said.

Meanwhile, a combined team of military, FRSC, fire service and other security agencies were at the scene working to evacuate the burnt petrol tanker and maintain free traffic flow in the area as of the time of this report.