

Four Burnt To Death In Kwara Tanker Fire

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Map of Kwara State

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Daily Trust gathered that the incident occurred when the truck carrying 45,000 litres of petrol lost control after a tyre burst and had a head-on collision with another truck loaded with soya beans. The third truck involved in the incident carrying soft drinks reportedly ran into them and also caught fire.

At the time our correspondent left the scene Monday night, four bodies burnt beyond recognition had been removed by rescuers.

Eyewitnesses said the fire later spread and caught up with three schoolchildren and two Okada riders who happened to be passing by and are now receiving treatment at a private hospital in the area.

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The inferno was yet to be put out with several passengers believed to be trapped as of the time of filing of this report.

Eyewitnesses said the fire service men ran out of water and left to get additional support.

The state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Stephen Dawulung, told our reporter that he was waiting for the details.

But spokesman of the Kwara State Fire Service, Hassan Hakeem Adekunle, said 20 passengers were involved.

He however said “three lives were lost and eight sustained serious burns among the 20 individuals on board.”