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One dies as youths attack NNPC depot in Calabar

BUT for the intervention of law enforcement and other related agencies, a major incident might have been recorded at the Calabar, Cross River State depot of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) on Wednesday.

One life was however reportedly lost as violence erupted at the depot.

Trouble started, according to a witness, Mr. Mohammed Abbas, of the Arewa Community, when a truck ferrying diesel from Port Harcourt to Calabar broke down at the depot.

During the process of repair, the vehicle fell spilling its content. But hardly had this happened than street urchins descended on it, scooping fuel. "Immediately, the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) and the Cross River State fire service arrived and started flushing water inside the tank to prevent a fire outbreak," Abbas continued.

According to Abbas, the tanker driver brought a generator to siphon fuel from the fallen truck to another, but the 'area boys' would not allow this and a scuffle ensued, which then attracted the attention of the Mobile Police who went on to cordon the scene.