

# Three die as oil vessel explodes in Warri

**W**ARRI, which is recuperating from a series of kerosene explosions that claimed the lives of over 16 persons, yesterday recorded another blast.

This time, an oil vessel anchored offshore on the Warri River, opposite the popular Millar Jetty which is only a stone's throw from the naval base, exploded, killing three persons reportedly on maintenance duties.

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that after the deafening explosion, sympathisers rushed to the vessel with boats to render assistance and discovered the three corpses, which have been deposited at the Warri Central Hospital

Six other people on the vessel sustained life-threatening injuries and were rushed to the same hospital.

Those living near the

jetty said they heard a loud bang and ran towards the burning vessel.

The cause of the explosion could not be confirmed yesterday. However, it was gathered that the vessel was carrying substance suspected to be highly inflammable.

The vessel's owner is said to be a Warri-based businessman.

A clearer picture of what might have caused the explosion may emerge today.