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Tanker driver burnt to death in Gombe

From Auwal Ahmad, Gombe

A TANKER driver was burnt to death in Gombe, Gombe State in the early hours of Sunday, when the truck he was driving lost control and ran into a ditch at the F.C.E., Gombe roundabout.

The driver, identified as Ali, died when the tanker, loaded with petrol, the registration number XA 366 MGM burst into flames, making it impossible for passersby to save the driver who could not escape from the stuck truck.

A witness, Sani Muhammad, told The Guardian he saw the tanker in a high speed coming from Dukku Road and the driver was trying to manoeuvre, but as there was lost of break and the truck ran into the ditch.

The official of the Red Cross who was part of the rescue team said the driver died a few meters away from the truck that was in flames, while his conductor managed to escape with bruises he received and is being treated at a specialist hospital in Gombe.

He further said that the conductor, identified as Bukar Mustapha, said the tanker was coming from Lagos to Yola enroute Gombe.

The Red Cross has deposited the corpse at the specialist hospital in Gombe.

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