

Avoidable tragedies

Hoodlum killed a man, identified as Sijuade, while buying fuel at Total Petrol Station on Kano Street Oyingbo area of Lagos State.

1. Woman Found dead in her car while queuing for fuel In Kubwa, Abuja.

Father and two daughters died in the fire outbreak caused by the storage of fuel at Adebiyi Street, Somolu Oja Lagos.

Three gunmen who manned the gates of an NNPC filling station located along Offa Garage road in Kwara State on Saturday opened fire on motorists on the queue for fuel, leaving two men and a woman injured.

NIPCO Filling Station, along Airport Road, Abuja was gutted by fire in February.

Armed thugs shoot motorists queuing at NNPC filling station in Ilorin, Kwara state on Saturday 26th March.

A commercial motorcyclist was crushed by a tipper while trying to position himself on the queue at a filling station in Ogidi area, Ilorin, Kwara state on Saturday 5th Dec 2015.

2. A taxi driver, identified as Daddy Mustapha of Isale Banni Area Ilorin was found dead in his vehicle after purchasing fuel in a long queue but could not drive out on 5th Dec 2015.

Irate youths beat up a policeman obstructing them from buying fuel at Oando filling station, Ojodu Berger Lagos.

Ikechukwu was shot dead by Civil Defense at Forte Oil filling Station in Festac, Lagos Wednesday 6th April.

Long queues at filling stations

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darkness they experience in the past six months.

Kolawole Bamigbele, an engineer, who is an electrical contractor from the area, told *The Guardian* that electricity supply in the area has been irregular since last year after BEDC shared the 33KVA that feeds the community with other power legs such as Owo in the north senatorial district, Oba-Ile, Ijoka and Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) in Akure South LGA.

The chairman of IPYM Special task force and coordinator of Owode youths, Mr. Adekunle Akoledowo lamented that the total blackout has fomented immeasurable pains and agonies on the people of the area, whose livelihood depend mainly on the power supply.

Adeyelu Adeniyi, an estate manager from Okitipupa in Okitipupa LGA decried the nonchalant attitude of the government and inhuman treatment meted on the people of the south district.

He said the power outage coupled with the present scarcity and the hike in the price of petrol has further impoverished the people of the state.

He said now that it is difficult to get fuel, "how then do we survive? This is not the change that we voted for." Nnamdi, told *The Guardian* that the inability of the federal government to solve the lingering fuel crisis despite Nigeria's status as one of the major producers of the petroleum is disheartening. He warned that the present government will be punished at the ballot in 2019 if they fail to adequately address the major challenges faced by Nigerians.

"We will express our disenchantment in 2019. We will punish this government severely. Nigerians will revolt through the ballots in no distance time," he said.

Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Dr. Ibe Kachikwu has however promised that the fuel scarcity will end yesterday, April 7. But, this is yet to happen.

"The earlier this promise is kept the better for APC government," said Nnamdi.



Queue at filling stations in Lagos