

Pipeline Fire Kills One In Edo

A man identified as Kadiri was burnt to death while many other youths escaped death in a fire outbreak at Pipeline Products Marketing Company (PPMC) line at Ukhut town, Edo State.

The incident, which has been largely concealed since last Tuesday when it occurred, is said to be causing an uneasy calm in the community in Esan West Council Area of the state.

The deceased was among some local hands employed by the PPMC to help provide labour in its effort to repair a burst pipeline along its line at the Ukhua-Idoa stretch of the facility.

The pipeline is said have been conveying refined petroleum products from Warri to Kaduna. The cause of the burst was not clear on Monday when newsmen got hint of the incident.

Sources from the area said community hands had worked all through Monday last week without getting to the point at which the pipeline was leaking and that they continued the following day.