

# Tyre Explosion Kills Two In Lagos

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Tragedy struck at Otto Bus stop along Murtala Mohammed Way on Thursday evening when a luxury bus tyre burst, killing a vulcaniser and a welder.

According to a witness, the victims were busy fixing a faulty

tyre it suddenly exploded.

"They were repairing the wheel and suddenly the thing exploded, and the sound was like that of the bombs that exploded at Ikeja cantonment the other day," he told *Daily Independent*.

When our correspondent enquired the cause of the unfortunate incident, it was gathered that carelessness on the part of the welder and the vulcaniser brought about the

incident.

"They were supposed to deflate the tube before commencing work on the wheel. Their failure to do that led to the explosion. If they had disposed the air from the tube, there wouldn't have been any explosion or whatever. They did not do this; instead they carried on with the work and now look at what has happened," the source lamented.

We gathered from the witness

that the rim of the wheel chopped off the head of the vulcaniser, and the welder was thrown into the thin air by the explosion and landed lifeless on a commercial bus that was parked by the roadside.

When our correspondent arrived the scene of the incident, the remains of the dead bodies had been taken to the mortuary.

Other eyewitnesses that we tried to speak with proved abortive, as they could not bear the shock of the incident.

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