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One Dead As Tanker Explodes In Delta

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One person was killed and property worth several millions of naira razed when a tanker carrying highly inflammable chemical on Thursday exploded and burst into flames at Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Eyewitness account said the tanker marked Lagos XD 305 APP that came to supply ethanol to a local gin brewing plant because of its height got entangled with electric overhead cables.

The conductor was said to have used a wooden fork to lift the cables above the truck only for them to bridge and resulted in uncontrollable sparks, which in turn ignited the tanker laden with ethanol leading to loud explosion and inferno that consumed the conductor, the tanker, nearby buildings, sharks and a new motorcycle at a workshop.