

Two Feared Dead In Onitsha Fire Disaster

By Chukwukwu Ilozue

Reporter, Onitsha

TWO PERSONS were feared dead on Sunday while two luxury buses, two cars, shops and goods worth millions of naira were gutted by fire which broke out at the Upper Iweka area of Onitsha, when a tanker fell, spilling its contents.

The fire disaster, according to eyewitness, started around 2.30

p.m. The driver of the vehicle and his assistant were feared dead.

People were still making spirited efforts to bring the fire under control, after the Anambra Fire Service had ran out of water and went back for reinforcement when *Daily Independent* visited the scene.

According to the eyewitness, the petrol tanker was coming from the Nkpor axis of the ex-

pressway and had to maneuver to the area before the collision, and the explosion threw the people into a pandemonium as they ran for their lives.

He said, when the Fire Service vehicles could not come immediately, the fire escalated to the Micmera and Abuja parks, located opposite each other, forcing other motor park operators to moved out their vehicles to safe places along Oguta road.