

10 Killed, 37 Injured In Nasarawa Gas Explosion

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Gas explosion at Monaco Gas plant
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ing Station on Jos Road, Lafia, the
Nasarawa State capital, on Mon-
day killed scores of persons while
37 others were injured, according
to eyewitnesses.

The eyewitnesses, who spoke to
Daily Independent, said they saw
more than 10 corpses at the scene
of the incident.

They said the corpses were those

of passers-by whose vehicles, motor-
cycles, and tricycles were affected by
the explosion.

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The eyewitnesses said over 10 vehicles, five motorcycles, and three tricycles were burnt.

Deborah Dangara, Public Relations Officer of Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia, confirmed that corpses and casualties from the explosion were brought to the hospital.

She said the number of deaths could not be given until they get comprehensive

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report.

She said staff of the hospital had suspended all other activities to attend to the gas explosion victims.

Meanwhile, the Nasarawa State government has expressed shock and sadness over the incident in Lafia.

The Deputy Governor, Silas Agara, said during on-the-spot assessment visit to

the scene of the incident that the government would take the necessary steps to unravel the cause of the accident.

Agara, accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, Yahaya Bello, and Chairman, Lafia Local Government, Aminu Muazu, described the explosion as most unfortunate.

He expressed his condo-

lences and sympathy to the victims on behalf of Gov. Umaru Al-Makur and assured the people of government's readiness to respond to the emergency and ensure a thorough investigation of the incident.

Agara applauded the security and emergency response teams for their quick intervention and advised the pub-

lic to stay away from the scene to allow relevant agencies carry out their investigation into the matter.

He and his entourage later visited the 37 victims with various degrees of injuries at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia.

On the casualty figure, Faustina Alegbe, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)

Sector Commander in state, said that two people died while 37 people were injured.

"So far, 37 people are receiving treatment in the hospital but two have been confirmed dead by the doctors.

"Tomorrow, we will go back to the hospital to get an update. But I can tell you I was in the hospital in the morning to do a physical count.

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