

Pandemonium As Pipeline Explosion Kills Three In Rivers

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Nnamdi Omoni

P/HARCOURT – There was pandemonium on Saturday in Oyigbo local government area of Rivers State following an explosion of an oil pipeline, which set fire on the environment, killing at least three persons, while scores were injured.

Nnamdi Omoni, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), spokesman of the Rivers State Police Command, confirmed the explosion and death of three persons in the inferno, so far.

Omoni said that fire service officers and men had arrived the scene and were battling to put out the raging fire.

Although it was not clear the exact time the fire started, sources in the area said it was already raging by 8.am on Saturday.

It could not also be confirmed what could be the cause of the explosion, but some sources attributed it to the activities of illegal bunkerers.

At the time of filing the report, the fire was still raging, destroying everything within reach.

Hon. Promise Nwankwo, the lawmaker representing Oyigbo State Constituency in the Rivers State House of Assembly, also confirmed the disaster, adding that residents had fled the area to avoid being killed by the fire.

The lawmaker called on federal, state fire services and public spirited individuals to come quickly to the area to help put out the fire to curtail the spread.

“We are appealing to both state and federal governments to come to our aid. Privileged individuals and companies should come and help us out of this disaster,” he said.

Konkon and many communities in Oyigbo area had petroleum products pipelines crisscrossing them, even as the area had been witnessing illegal activities of oil thieves.