

Two Dead, 23 Injured In Lagos Gas Explosion

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The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) has confirmed the death of two persons in a gas explosion which occurred on Thursday.

It said that 23 others who were seriously injured were rescued from the explosion that occurred at Adule Street, Off Ojo Road, in Ajegunle area near Apa-

pa, in Lagos State.

Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, Director-General (D-G) of LASEMA, who confirmed the development said that when LASEMA officials arrived at the scene of the incident, they discovered that a gas cylinder store had exploded as a result of a gas leakage.

"Our further investigations at the scene revealed that the fire ignited as a result of a phone call by an

unidentified resident.

"This spread to other nearby shops and a bungalow behind the shops.

"Unfortunately, two children (a male and a female) lost their lives and there were other 23 casualties who got multiple burns.

"All the casualties had been evacuated to the Burnt Unit, Gbagada General Hospital, Lagos for treatment," he said.

Oke-Osanyintolu said

the remains of one of the two bodies, identified as Damilare Afolabi, had been bagged by the LASEMA Response Team (LRT) and handed over to the family.

He, however, said that the entire area had been cordoned off and that post-disaster assessment was ongoing.

He urged residents to avoid the use of naked fire in the area to prevent further disaster.

