

Two Die, 14 Buses Burnt In Anambra Tanker Fire

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Two persons lost their lives while several others were injured when a fuel tanker caught fire in Ogidi, near Onitsha, Anambra State.

Also about 14 buses and other property worth millions of naira were reportedly burnt in the fire which occurred around the International Building Materials Market, Ogidi.

It was gathered that the fire which started Sunday evening, emanated from a fallen tanker conveying inflammable content which fell into a drainage and sparked fire after spilling its content.

An eye-witness said that the incident happened when the tanker was stationary and another articulated vehicle rammed into it, following loss of control.

He said, "Several luxury buses parked around the area immediately went up in flames.

"Shops and buildings within the area were also not left out. The fire was too much that it was difficult for fire service officers to battle."

Confirming the incident, Chief Fire Officer in State, Engr Martin Agbili, confirmed the casualty and the number of property lost to the inferno.

He, however, said the fire could have escalated to other parts of the area if not for the quick arrival of his men and assistance from other stations, including the one inside the market.