

Two Burnt To Death In Anambra Tanker Fire

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Two persons were burnt to death in a fire explosion resulting from a collision involving a tanker loaded with gas and a shuttle bus at the Odumodu Junction, Umunya, Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State on the Onitsha-Enugu expressway on Tuesday.

Odumodu Junction lies some four kilometres to the commercial city of Onitsha and about five kilometers to Awka.

It was learnt that the gas laden tanker collided with the shuttle bus at about 8:30 a.m. following a tyre burst. The collision led to the fire explosion which burnt two passengers in the bus beyond recognition.

An eye-witness said the tanker spilled its content through the drainage generating flames which consumed everything on its way.

The Anambra State Director, Fire Service, Engr. (Dr.) Martin Agbili, attributed the cause of the fire to tyre burst.

He said his men left the scene after three-hour battle

with the fire.

We received a distress call at about 0840 hours (8:40 am) on Tuesday 24th May 2022 that a tanker loaded with gas had a burst tyre which resulted in a collision with a shuttle bus that caused the fire explosion at Odumodu Umunya.

"We immediately deployed our firemen to move down to the fire incident scene to extinguish the fire.

"According to eye-witnesses and what we could confirm, two people were burnt to death.

"By the grace of God, the

fire was extinguished and no other casualties were recorded during the firefighting," he said.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Adeoye Irelewuyi, who also confirmed the incident, said five male adults were involved in the crash.

He said two of them were killed, while three were rescued unhurt.

He commiserated with the families of the deceased, and warned motorists to avoid speeding and ensure they keep to recommended speed limit.