Driver, female passenger killed in tanker fire

A DRIVER and a female passenger were killed on Monday in Port Harcourt following a petrol tanker fire at about midnight. The incident occurred at Eliozu junction in the Rivers capital.

An eye witness said the tanker caught fire when the driver lost control and crashed the tanker, spilling its content.

According to the witness, both the driver and the female passenger were burnt beyond recognition.

Eight persons injured in the inferno were said to have been hospitalised while 10 vehicles were burnt.

Another eye witness, Mr James Amadi blamed it on "careless driving."

He said:"The driver caused it all, you can see how narrow the road is, he was on high speed and suddenly could no longer control the vehicle.

"So the vehicle crashed and spilled the petrol it was carrying and all we saw was fire," he added. It was reported that the fire raged for more than an hour before the State Fire Department put it out.