

Tanker kills five in Aba

TRAGEDY struck on Monday in Aba, Abia State, when five people were crushed to death while scooping kerosene from a tanker.

Three others, who sustained serious injuries, were rushed to a private clinic for treatment.

An eye-witness said the tanker number plate Lagos XH 624 FST fell on the victims at Waterside on Abia-Ikot Ekpene Road.

"The tanker was trying to negotiate a bend at the Water-side Bridge at slow speed, when its back tyre fell into a gutter," the source said.

The source said in that sliding position, kerosene began to gush out of the vehicle, adding that the victims went with jerrycans to fetch the oil.