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No fewer than 11 persons were on Friday burnt beyond recognition in Jekadafari, Gombe State, when a petrol tanker went out of control and crashed into buildings and vehicles.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that

nine others were seriously injured, while 40 houses and business shops were destroyed and burnt in the resultant inferno.

Mr Fidelis Osakwe, Sector Commander of FRSC in Gombe, confirmed the accident in an interview with NAN.

He said when the driver lost control of the tanker, with registration number Taraba XB 157 TRR, it rammed into parked vehicles and buildings.

Dr. James Madi, Chief Medical Director of the Specialist Hospital, Gombe, gave the figure of those who died as "more than 11."

Mr. Abbas Mohammed, Gombe Divisional Secretary of the Nigeria Red Cross, who was involved

in the rescue operations, said they took the nine injured persons to the hospital.

Dr .Daniel Musa, Permanent Secretary, Gombe Ministry of Health, who was at the Specialist Hospital, told NAN that all the injured persons would be treated free of charge.

NAN reports that there was confusion when the accident occurred at noon as people ran in all directions for their lives.

The inferno extended far beyond the spot of the accident, as the fuel flowing from the tanker covered more than 200 square metres.