

Four killed, 20 injured in factory explosion

At least four persons were killed and 20 others gravely injured yesterday in an explosion at the Nigeria Distilleries Ltd (NDL), in the industrial town of Sango-Ota, Ogun State.

The boiler of the distillery on the Lagos-Abeokuta road unexpectedly exploded at 10:30am spewing hot water and other hot substances on the staff handling the machine.

The four died on the spot with their mangled remains scattered all over the floor of the boiler hall. The others who suffered various degrees of burns and skin bleaching, were rushed to hospitals in Ota and Ifo, eyewitness told The Nation.

It was gathered that the explosion occurred when the workers were mixing one of

■ Ernest NWOKOLO, Abeokuta ■ the company's products. The explosion shook the factory and adjoining buildings.

Efforts by our correspondent to get the views of the management of the company on the explosion were futile, as he was told to come back on Monday.

Ambulances belonging to

the company and those of Fidson Drugs and Avon evacuated the injured to hospitals.

However, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olumuyiwa Adejobi, in a telephone interview, said only two persons were killed, while one person was injured in the explosion.

CORRECTION

The election which brought Governor Henry Seriake Dickson of Bayelsa State into office took place on February 11, last year and not 12, as indicted in the article, titled: *How Governor Dickson observed his vacation*, published on Page 49 in this edition. The error is regretted

—Editor