

Two die in tanker explosion

Two suspected oil thieves were yesterday burnt to death in a tanker explosion at Ivue-Uromi, Esan North East Local Government Area of Edo State.

Two others were rescued and they are receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at 1:30am when the tanker driver, who was apparently trying to escape from soldiers, lost control and crashed into an electricity pole.

Witnesses said high tension cable reportedly collapsed on the truck, which caused it to burst into flames.

Spokesperson for the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Uromi Augustine Apili said soldiers were trailing the tanker before it had the accident.

He said the accident could have been caused by reckless driving.

Apili said the NSCDC would arrest the survivors.