

NEWS**Four die in Lagos explosion**

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FOUR people were feared dead last night following an explosion at a tank farm in Apapa, Lagos.

The case could not be immediately ascertained. A source said the explosion occurred from a cooking gas cylinder but another said an explosive was thrown into the premises of Folawiyo Energy and Gas on Creek Road in the industrial area.

A source who claimed to be an eyewitness said: "I have counted five bodies already removed. There were many dismembered bodies here.

"I just heard a thunderous sound off Creek Road and that was how people started running in different directions.

"The Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Mr. Rasaq Fadipe, and National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) Southwest spokesman, Ibrahim Farinloye said they were told of a gas explosion.

Fadipe said his men could not gain access into the compound because the company did not allow them in.

He said: "We were told of a fire caused by the explosion of a gas cylinder in an energy company.

"I cannot give you exact details because my men could not get easy access into the place.

Apapa Divisional Police Officer Usman Ndanbabo said: "A tanker exploded but it is under control."

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