

The late Ihindan was killed by gunmen suspected to be hired assassins penultimate Friday in Katsina-Ala town

Atoza, had accused Pawa of being one of the masterminds of his father's death.

Fuel tanker claims five lives in Niger

FIVE persons were confirmed dead yesterday while 30 houses and 22 shops were burnt at Kagara, headquarters of Rafi local government area of Niger state when a tanker loaded with petroleum product ran into a building and exploded late on Thursday.

Besides, 11 vehicles including the truck and 11 motorcycles were burnt.

The Kaduna bound truck was said to have lost control before smashing into the building.

It caught fire immediately.

The fire spread quickly to adjoining houses and shops.

Among the dead were two teenagers who were burnt to death in a locked shop.

The inferno sparked a traffic gridlock on the Mokwa-Kaduna highway.

Eye witness told reporters that those injured were rushed to the Kagara General Hospital while the

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dead were buried yesterday in according to Islamic rites.

Four injured persons treated at the General Hospital have since been discharged.

Assistant Zonal Coordinator of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in Niger state. Mallam Musa Abdulrazaq said officials of the agency visited the scene of accident to assess the level of destructions in order to provide victims of the accident relief materials.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the state command, Mr. Bala Elkana, an Assistant Superintendent of Police also confirmed the accident.

Elkana said Police in the town and men of the State Fire Service were able to bring the inferno under control with the support of public spirited individuals.

Speaking with the Agency of Nigeria, the who also served u Suswam's administrative his Aid De Camp (A said the allegations "spurious, vexatious and founded."

He wondered why anyone would link him with elder politician's death when he had no hand in it.

He accused close ally former Governor Suswam of fabricating the falsehood.



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