

the market. Some of the affected traders were said to have lost goods worth millions of naira.

Before then, four persons, including a lady said to be a sex worker and an eleven-year-old boy, were burnt to death and property worth millions of naira destroyed in multiple fire incidents that occurred on January 12, 2015, at Ovwian village and Warri, both in Delta State.

In June, this year, over 80 lives were lost to a fire disaster caused by a fuel tanker in Onitsha, Anambra State, while several buildings were razed during the incident.

Causes

Many of the incidents have been linked to human errors, including negligence in handling or maintaining electrical appliances, use of candle light in homes, overspeeding on the part of tanker drivers and arson, among others.

The use of candle light was cited as responsible for the Surulere, Lagos fire incident which wiped out the Onojas, while most tanker drivers involved in several tanker fire incidents recorded in some parts of the country were said to have embarked on neck-breaking speed that led to the crashes.

In the case of the fire that ravaged the