

surprising that the new governor is giving us notice to quit," Mr Atsegor added.

Speaking for the organisation in Awka yesterday, the

calling for the release and detention of Nnamdi Kanu,

18 killed in Delta auto crash

No fewer than 18 persons were burnt alive yesterday after an articulated truck rammed into three vehicles including a fully loaded commercial bus and burst into flames.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Rindom Kunvem, who confirmed the incident said the truck with inscription Dangote Cement lost control after its brake failed and rammed into the vehicles.

Kunvem said the other vehicles involved are a Volkswagen Golf car, Mercedes Benz truck and a Mitsubishi bus.

The registration number of the vehicles could not be ascertained as the vehicles had been completely charred.

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The Mercedes Benz truck had ASB 831ZH on its number plate.

According to Kunvem, the accident occurred after the Benin-Asaba expressway was blocked at the NNPC Mega Station as motorists obstructed both lanes in a bid to buy fuel.

The gridlock forced vehicles coming from Asaba to divert to the other lane leading to a headlong collision with the articulated truck.

He said the drivers of the vehicles were guilty of road violation as they left their lane only to collide with oncoming vehicles.

The truck rammed into a stationary VW golf car, a commercial bus and Mer-

cedes Benz truck with two occupants.

The driver of the stationary vehicles, The Nation, gathered had just alighted from his vehicles to buy fuel at the NNPC mega station.

The Mercedes Benz truck with two occupants were set ablaze during the accident, but were rescued after bystanders doused them with water from a stream nearby.

The charred remains of victims have been deposited at the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba.

An eyewitness, Amos Olayinka, said the incident occurred at about 11.00am after fuel had been deposited at the NNPC mega station, following the traffic jam caused by motorists eager to buy fuel at N87 per litre.