

exposed, adding that it was an effort in futility.

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Dickson government throws caution to the wind in its haste

publications can stop the wind of justice that is about to blow him out of his usurped seat."

## Two die in blast at Chevron's Escravos gas plant

**T**WO persons were said to have died yesterday in a gas explosion

at the Escravos Gas-to-Liquid plant (EGTL), operated by Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) at Ugborodo, Warri Southwest Local Government of Delta State.

Although details on the cause of the explosion were sketchy last night, our reporter gathered that it happened at 10 am in one of the Portakabin caravans on the

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premises.

A source close to the EGTL operations, who spoke in confidence, said the two casualties were employees of contracting firms to Chevron.

The source said: "One of the two victims died on the spot, while the other one died on the way to hospital."

But Chevron's General

Manager, Policies, Government and Public Affairs, Deji Haastrop, said what happened was not a gas explosion but a fire.

He said: "There was no gas explosion. A fire broke out in a storage facility and was put out. Sadly, a contractor's employee was injured and another died. The cause (of the fire) is being investigated. Our first priority remains the safety of

the workforce, including contractors' employees. Our hearts go to the families of the affected persons."

In a security report on the incident, Commander of the Nigeria Navy Ship (NNS) *Delta* in Warri, Commodore Raimi Mohammed, said: "It happened about 10 am. The personnel working in the area called it a gas explosion. It was not a case of sabotage."

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