

# Petrol tankers explode in Benue, Anambra

## • Houses burnt, one dies

**A** PETROL tanker yesterday exploded at Agudo village in Tarka Local Government Area of Benue State.

The village is located on the Makurdi-Gboko Federal Highway.

Several people were feared killed as houses were gutted by the fire.

An eyewitness, Justice Anzeme, told *The Nation* on the phone that the tanker, which was heading for Gboko from Makurdi, was fully loaded with petrol.

From Uja Emmanuel Makurdi and Nwanosike Onu, Awka

He said the tanker fell, spilling its content, which caused the fire.

The accident reportedly caused traffic jam on the highway.

Police spokesperson Kate Sewuese Anene told *The Nation* on the phone that the tanker driver survived the accident.

She said there was no casualty, adding that the police were

on ground to control traffic.

One person has been confirmed dead as residents of Amawbia in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State fled, following petrol tanker explosion yesterday.

*The Nation* gathered that the casualty was a welder, who was working on the petrol tanker loaded with PMS at a mechanic workshop.

The incident happened at about 3:20pm and the situation created tension in the

area.

Police Commissioner John Abang and other security agents cordoned off the area to prevent further disaster.

Men of the Fire Service, led by their Director, Agility, were on hand to quell the fire.

At press time, no property had been confirmed destroyed.

Police spokesman Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said security agents and fire service officials were working hard to avert disaster.