



Two feared dead in Ibadan tanker fire

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At least, two persons were feared dead at Moniya area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital on Friday, as a fuel-laden tanker caught fire.

Many shops and vehicles were also razed.

The incident, which occurred around 3:00 pm, threw traders, commuters and residents of the area into confusion. The fire raged for several minutes before fire fighters arrived. They were still battling the fire as at evening while shop and vehicle owners counted their losses.

The Chief Fire Officer, Oyo State Fire Service, Mr. Moshood Adewuyi, said: "The fire started when a fully laden tanker conveying diesel lost control while descending the slope beside a filling station at Moniya. There was brake failure and the vehicle crushed a vehicle going to Ogbomoso.

"One passenger, who was trapped in the vehicle got burnt. One other life was lost but we are yet to determine the number of casualties in the incidence."

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