

① 7 suspected smugglers die in Mubi tanker fire

NO fewer than seven suspected smugglers of petroleum products have been reported burnt to death in a petroleum tanker fire in Mubi council of Adamawa.

Mubi, a commercial nerve of the state, is on the border with

the Republic of Cameroon.

An eyewitness, Alhaji Mansur Bala, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the incident occurred early yesterday.

Bala said the fire broke out when the deceased were trans-

ferring petroleum products from a tanker to over 1,000 plastic jerry cans at a petrol station.

Another eyewitness, Malam Iliya Haruna, said he counted seven bodies burnt beyond recognition.

Haruna said two siblings

known in the petroleum business were among the dead.

Executive Secretary, Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA) Dr Mohammed Sulaiman confirmed the incident but said three people died, while two sustained injuries.

532 die in Osun, Ondo, Oyo accidents in 9 months