

Multiple tanker fire accidents in Lagos



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- *Casualties unknown*

Casualties were still unknown as at last night. Men of the Sari-Iganmu, Ilupeju and Ajegunle fire stations were battling to save the situation.

A diesel-laden tanker also collided with a Hyundai bus (IKD 415 BU) on Otedola Bridge, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, and spilled its content. A mob came with buckets and gallons to scoop diesel, ignoring warnings by emergency responders, including the Lagos State Traffic

Alate night fire yesterday at the Lagos Quadrapont Bridge, by [National Arts Theatre](#), Iganmu, affected three tankers, one tricycle and a mini bus.

Management Authority (LASTMA), Policemen from Isheri Division, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service and LASEMA Response Unit (LRU).

The emergency responders however, averted a disaster and the road was later opened to vehicular traffic.

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Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment, LASTMA, Adebayo Taofiq, said preliminary investigation revealed that the tanker, heading to Mowe-Ibafo, overturned near Capital Oil. The cause is yet to be ascertained.

Taofiq said: “After arriving at the scene, LASTMA personnel immediately secured the environment against area boys and others who had started scooping diesel.”

Traffic Officer Giwa Abiodun, who led LASTMA rescue operations to the scene, confirmed that while the driver of the Hyundai bus was rescued with injuries, driver of the tanker escaped.

Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation Seun Osiyemi led Permanent Secretary, Olawale Musa, LASTMA General Manager, Bolaji Oreagba and others to the scene.

The Fire and Rescue Service also mitigated spillage from a tanker at Apapa, which was later towed to the Conoil Depot in Apapa.