

One dead, six injured in Onitsha gas explosion



One person lost his life while six others sustained varying degrees of injury in a gas explosion in Onitsha, Anambra State.

The incident, which occurred in a welder's shop at the plumbing market in the commercial city, was reportedly caused by excess heat from a gas cylinder.

"The victims were in the welder's shop when the welding gas cylinder exploded due to exposure to excess heat," an eyewitness said.

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Police spokesperson, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident, describing it as regrettable.

He said the deceased had been deposited in a morgue, while the rescued victims are currently receiving treatment in the hospital.

According to him, Commissioner of Police, Ikioye Orutugu has provided certain safety tips, including regular inspection and maintenance of gas cylinder equipment to avert future recurrence.