

# 90 PERISH SCOOPING PETROL

occurred around 8 pm on Monday, also left nine people seriously injured, now receiving medical attention at Kafanchan and Kagarko General Hospitals.

*From ABUBAKAR IMAM,  
Kaduna*

**NO fewer than 90 persons were on Monday roasted to death at Katugal village in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State while scooping petrol from a tanker that fell by the roadside of the village.**

The incident, which

An eyewitness told *New Nigerian* that the incident, which threw the entire village into deep sorrow, as not a single household was spared, started when the driver of the vehicle lost control.

The vehicle, which was loaded with petrol, fell by the roadside. The petrol gushing out from the fallen tanker so attracted the villagers to the scene, and soon started scoop-

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ing the petrol unmindful of the danger involved.

Most of the villagers went to the scene with jerry cans, buckets and other containers. There were also those who used motorcycles to ease transporting the fuel to their respective houses.

Almost two hours after the incident, the tanker went up in flames and all those around the scene, including men, women and children who could not escape were consumed by the fire.

Among the early callers at the scene shortly after the incident was the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, who

expressed sadness over it.

According to Yakowa, the demise of the people in the fire was a great loss not only to the people of Kaduna State, but also the entire country.

He, however, expressed regrets that despite all the similar incidents that occurred in other states, people still could not learn lesson.

The state Police Commissioner Mr. Ernest Ibhaeze, members of the national and state assemblies from the area and top government functionaries also visited the scene. They all condemned the act, saying the flagrant disregard for law and order as well as indiscipline were the cause of this constant loss of lives and property.

*From MUSTAPIHA  
GIDE, Kano*

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has last week recovered additional 50 million Naira for the Kano State Government as part of the ongoing efforts to recover the two billion Naira mobilisation fee paid to the contractor who was awarded contract for the supply of 100,000 tonnes of fertiliser to the state, which was not supplied.

The commission had already confiscated and returned 1.8 billion Naira to the state government since the outbreak of the scandal which the state government reported in 2004.

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