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NNPC pipeline explosion kills 2 in Kaduna

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TWO persons were confirmed dead yesterday following the explosion of a pipeline belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) along Kaduna-Kachia road.

The incident which resulted in a huge fire at the scene left many people who rushed there to quell the inferno injured with various degrees of burns.

New Nigerian gathered that the two corpses of the victims were deposited at the Burial Plot in the city of Kaduna, even as efforts were being made by the authorities of NNPC to control and repair the exploded pipeline.

However, as at the time of filing this report, the cause of the explosion was not ascertained, but sources ascribed it to the activities of some greedy people who attempted to drill oil from the pipeline.

Efforts by our reporter to speak to the spokesman of the Kaduna Refining and Petrochemicals company (KRPC), Joris Abdullahi and his counterpart at the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), proved abortive.

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on the spot, while 17 others who sustained serious injuries were rushed to a private hospital in Koton-Karfe.

According to officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) who were at the scene on rescue mission, the driver and other occupants of the trailer were said to have fled the scene shortly after the accident.

Secretary of the Lokoja Cemetery Park branch of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, Lawrence Mokikan said, "What happened is a sorry situation because this morning in the garage, the driver was seen playing with his colleagues."

New Nigerian reports that in reaction to the fatality of the accident, the irate mob at the scene who could not hold back tears set the offending trailer ablaze with three other trucks that unfortunately ran into the chaotic situation.

Kogi State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Yomi Asaniyan reacting said, "What we have seen today is another calamity" as he cautioned both truck and bus drivers to always be wary of dangerous overtaking.

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philanthropists, helping to remake the world and make it a happier place for all, I always want to encourage them," the president told the Red Cross delegation which was led by Governor Peter Obi of Anambra State and the President of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Chief Rochas Okorochoa.

Before decorating the president with the insignia of Grand Patron of the Nigerian Red Cross, Chief Okorochoa described him as a true champion of the weak, poor and less-privileged.

He said that under President Jonathan's administration, Nigeria is quickly reassuming a leadership role in Africa for humanitarian and charitable assistance to those in need.