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3 killed, 10 injured in water corporation explosion

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Three people including a grandmother and her grandson died, while 10 were seriously injured in the early hours of Wednesday following explosion from the facility of the Ondo State Water Corporation in Araromi Obu, Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The victims were said to have died of contaminated chemicals they inhaled from one of the cylinders of the corporation that burst at about 11.30 pm on Tuesday.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the entire community, located in the far end of the local government, was thrown into confusion upon hearing the sound that came from the premises of the water corporation located along Oke Otunba Street in the town.

The people of the sleepy community, many of whom were already asleep, were said to have ran out of their homes to ascertain what was happening.

Since the noise was said to have emanated from the premises of the water corporation, many of the people rushed towards the place but were met with the gaseous material coming from the place.

It was further learnt that the materials caused itches to the faces of the people with many of them falling down and as they could not breathe properly.

Araromi-Obu is the hometown of the Secretary to the State Government, Dr Aderotimi Adelola.

The first of the victims identified as Olatayo Adejayan a.k.a Malato, was said to have been quickly rushed to the Comprehensive Health Centre in the town, where the attendants said the man would need the aid of oxygen to stabilise but the oxygen was not available in the centre.

The man, however, died few minutes later, while two other persons, a seven-year-old boy simply identified as Isaac, his grandmother and one other persons were rushed to the General Hospital in Okitipupa.

While the woman could not make it to the hospital as she died about seven miles from Araromi-Obu, the grandson also died later at the hospital.

It was, however, gathered that when the officials of the water corporation got to the premises in the morning, it was discovered that one of the cylinders containing some chemicals, being used for purification of water, burst and the content inflicted health hazard on the people.

The officials were said to have confirmed that the cylinder contained outdated chemicals that ought to have been disposed off about three years ago.

The 10 people that had challenges early in the morning were said to have been rushed to the

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