

bill which is about N3.39 billion for 2.98 per cent short of the 2013 has a total sum of N58 billion to finance recurrent services, while N70,021,950,000 would be for capital programmes and projects in the state.

Presenting the budget, Captain Wada disclosed that over N10 billion is expected from Internal Sources while over N44,500,000,000 is expected from the states share from the federation Account.

According to him, "N10 billion is estimated to come from Value Added Tax (VAT), over N3 billion is expected from Excess Crude Oil Account, N1.5 billion Miscellaneous Refund is expected from federal government and N4 billion as Subsidy Re-Investment Fund (SURE-P) and N6.5 billion expected from budget argumentation."

He added that over N3.4 billion is earmarked for the

## Amaechi calls for investigation into Elele tanker fire incident

RIVERS State Governor, Rotimi Amaechi has said the police command in the state would have to investigate the cause of the tanker fire disaster at the Elele roundabout in Ikwerre Local Government Area of the State.

Governor Amaechi spoke while reacting to the tanker fire disaster after going round the scene of the incident on Wednesday.

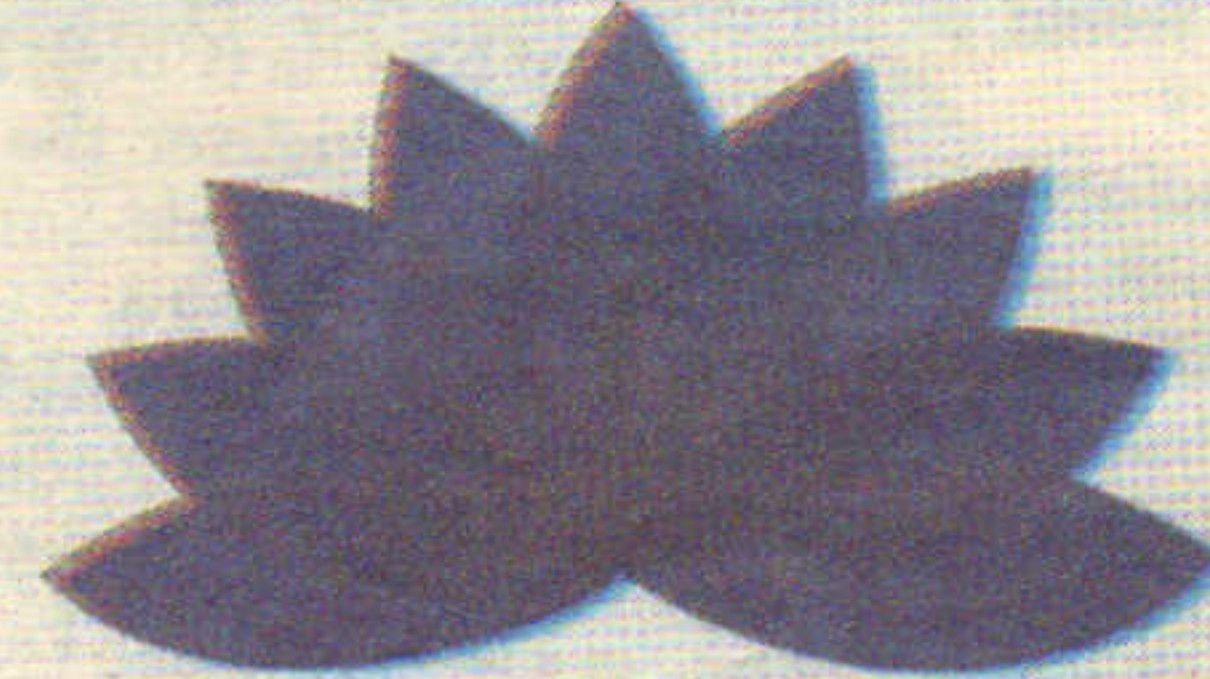
He said: "The problem is when you build roads people begin to speed and over speed. The story we heard was that a police vehicle was chasing the tanker driver but we will wait for the outcome of the investigation. The police should

investigate the cause of this fire. We heard that a life was lost and properties have been damaged. We need to hear from the police and know what happened before the government can decide on what to do."

"I have directed the Chairman of Ikwerre Local Government to call back the fire service because some of the fuel crept into the drainage system and they have to see how to pull that out so that we don't have more fire."

Amaechi also expressed concern over the implementation of traffic regulations by law enforcement officers to ensure that drivers obey traffic rules and avoid over speeding.

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