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2 killed as tanker explodes on Benin-Ore road (/2-killed-as-tanker-explodes-on-benin-ore-road)

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Two people on Thursday, were said to have lost their lives in Ofosu along Ore-Benin expressway in Ondo State, while one other person was said to be seriously injured when a tanker fully loaded with diesel exploded some 28 kilometers after Ore town.

According to an eye witness, the accident occurred around 2:00pm when the driver of the tanker lost control of the vehicle and tumbled, while the truck caught fire immediately.

It was gathered that the tanker driver with about 33,000 liters of diesel was said to have maneuvered his way out of the truck while the truck caught fire before he could get out of the vehicle.

He said the driver of the truck and one other person in the vehicle were burnt beyond recognition while the third person was rescued by some people and was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

The accident however, caused traffic gridlock on the ever busy road for more than two hours as motorists were stranded on the road until some residents of the area came out to put off the inferno which lasted for over two hours.

Confirming the development, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Femi Joseph, said the tanker was coming from Ore, heading towards Benin, when the accident occurred in Ofosu, around Levante company.

He said "the truck was coming from Ore on its way to Benin and when it got to an area called Levante, the driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle.

The driver lost control of the vehicle and the tanker laden with diesel tumbled and subsequently caught fire while the driver and one person with him, were burnt beyond recognition and the third person who was injured was taken to hospital for treatment.

"All efforts to put off the fire did not work and this caused traffic delay on the road for more than two hours but our men are on ground to clear the wreckages from the road to allow free flow of traffic on the road."

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