

Elumelu Foundation, Tony O. Elumelu and wife, Awele; Mrs Folorunso Alakija, Chairman, Rose of Sharon Group and Minister of Information, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, during the Tony Elumelu Foundation Forum: Empowering African Entrepreneurs held at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos, on Saturday.

## One dies, 5 trucks destroyed as fuel tanker explodes in Lagos

AKIN ADEWAKUN - LAGOS

ONE person reportedly burnt to death and several trucks destroyed as a petrol-laden tanker loaded

lost control and burst into flames in Lagos State.

A statement issued by the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) revealed that

the petrol tanker, fell while trying to navigate the Kirikiri road and, in the process, caught fire.

The fire was said to have affected one trailer loaded

with gas and three other containerised trucks in the area.

"One fatality has been recorded so far, an unidentified person completely burnt to death with the fire also burning about five trucks around the scene.

"However, the spread of the inferno to nearby cargo storage facility was halted by the Lagos State fire service, NPA fire service, the agency's Emergency Response Team and the policemen on ground," the statement read.

## Policeman kills 4-yr-old in Bayelsa calls for probe • We've arrested culprit - Police

spoke for government and commiserated with the Odo-ki family, warned against sweeping the matter under the carpet, adding that the bereaved families must get justice.

Obuebite urged the state Commissioner of Police to read the Riot Act to his men to be more professional in their line of duty so as to avoid incessant killing of unarmed citizens.

He called for a summary dismissal of the offending policemen, while calling on the police hierarchy to ensure recruits into the force undergo mental, psychological and spiritual screening to curb the incidence of avoidable killings.

When contacted, the command said it condemned the killing of the boy and blamed it on unprofessional conduct.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the command, DSP Asinim Butswat, gave the name of the policeman that allegedly killed the boy as Dick Okoro.

He explained that the

culprit had been arrested, adding that investigation into the incident had commenced.

He assured the family of the boy that justice would be done.

## NDLEA vows to probe N2bn cocaine seized by customs

SHOLA ADEKOLA - LAGOS

THE Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has vowed to carry out a detailed investigation into the N2 billion worth of cocaine seized by the Nigerian Customs Service at Tincan Island Port, Lagos State.

The anti-narcotics agency said investigation had commenced into the seizure and details would be provided in due course.

The suspected substance handed to the NDLEA by

Customs tested positive for cocaine with a weight of 214.732 kilogrammes. The drug was concealed in eight bags each containing 25 blocks.

In another development, the Chairman Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotic and Financial Crimes, Senator Joshua Lidani, has called for synergy among security operatives at the seaports.

Ladini gave the directive at the weekend in Lagos, during the committee's visit to the agency.

The committee members, who were received by the Director General of the NDLEA, Mrs Roli Bode-George, at the Ikoyi headquarters of the agency, also inspected facilities at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos State and Tincan Island Port commands.

According to Ladini, "we have observed that there is friction and lack of synergy between the Nigeria Customs and the NDLEA at the seaports.

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