

Fuel tanker explosion claims one life in Gombe

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A fatal accident involving three articulated vehicles, including a tanker, has claimed one life, while several others were injured when the fuel tanker exploded close to the NNPC depot at Tumfure, Gombe State.

Eyewitness' account had it that a trailer carrying a container brushed a tanker loaded with fuel while over-

taking, and this caused a spark, resulting in an explosion that involved two other heavy-duty vehicles.

A commercial motorcycle rider, with a passenger, who fell on the ground close to the scene, just after the explosion, was not lucky to es-

cape, as he couldn't get help when the fire overwhelmed the area.

The passenger, who was still in shock when our reporter got to the scene, could not say much, as she was being attended to by concerned people.

As at the time of filing this report, fire fighting vehicles from the Gombe depot of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) were still battling to control the fire, while others were putting efforts to control the situation.

Vehicles