

Many feared dead in Benue tanker explosion Nobody died —Police

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SCORES of people were feared dead on Tuesday in Agudo village in Tarka Local Government Area of Benue State when a petrol tanker exploded while driving past a burning bush.

Although, the police said no casualty has been recorded so far as of the time of filing this report, a resident, who

simply identified himself as Tyorsase, said the explosion affected several houses in which people got burnt.

According to the source, the petrol tanker was heading to Gboko from Makurdi and it tried to wade through a burning bush when it suddenly exploded.

The state police command confirmed the incident, but said there was no casualty.

The state police spokesper-

son, Catherine Anene, said: "The incident occurred at Takar but there are no casualties. Policemen are in control of the area as we speak."

However, the state sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Aliyu Baba, who said he had sent rescue team to the scene of the incident, promised to get back with more update but was yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.