

Two die, others injured in tanker explosion in Bauchi

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TWO people have reportedly lost their lives while two others were seriously injured when an empty petrol tanker exploded in Azare, headquarters of Katagum Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Reports have it that the incident occurred at about 3am on Friday when a petrol

tanker exploded shortly after it had discharged its contents at a filling station in the town and was returning to Kano.

A source told our correspondent that the tanker was going out of the town when a live electricity cable fell on it, causing it to explode, a development that caused confusion in the town forcing people to rush out of their homes for safety.

The incident was said to have occurred at the First Bank roundabout along the General Hospital Road said to be a busy area within Azare.

It was in the process of scampering for safety that the two people trapped in the tanker were burnt to death while their bodies were later evacuated and deposited at the General Hospital morgue.

It was reported that the driver, a 30-year-old man was seriously injured but is in a stable condition as of the time of filing this report and receiving medical attention at the General Hospital, Azare.

When contacted, the PPRO, DSP Ahmed Wakili confirmed the incident, saying those injured were among those trying to rescue the two victims.

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