Tanker explosion kills three in Benue

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THREE persons, including the tanker driver, died while several others were injured when a petrol tanker fell and exploded at Amoke community in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State on Monday morning.

According to an eyewitness, the incident occurred following a brake failure.

The eyewitness explained that the tanker, loaded with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), exploded at about 7:15 a.m. at Amoke community, which is about three meters to Ugbokpo, headquarters of Apa LGA.

The eyewitness said: "The incident occurred early this morning [Monday]; it is like the tanker had a brake failure."

When contacted, the sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, Yakubu Mohammad, confirmed the incident.

Mohammed said three persons, including the driver of the tanker lost their lives in the accident.

The FRSC boss blamed the accident on brake failure, just as he said that the fire had been put out.

It will be recalled that last April, two tankers exploded at Oshigudu in Agatu Local Government Area of the state, which is a neighbouring local government to Apa LGA, claiming several lives and destroying several properties.