

# Two die in early morning fire at Aba filling station

**T**WO men died on Wednesday morning in a fire incident at Chibyno filling station, on the Alaoji-Ikot-Ekpene road, in Obingwa Local Government Area of Abia. The Aba Zonal Commander of the Abia Fire Service, Mr. Belenta Belenta, confirmed the incident to

the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Wednesday morning in Aba. Belenta, who spoke at the scene, said he suspected the victims were involved in oil bunkering, which might have informed the discharging of petroleum products at the station in the early hours of the day. He said over five trucks

were consumed by the fire, which was caused by an explosion at the filling station. He said his men were informed of the incident in the early hours of Wednesday, prompting their move to the scene where they helped put out the fire. He also said the police had visited the scene to take the corpse of one of the victims

to the mortuary. Belenta said the other victim, who was rushed to the hospital, had been reported dead also. Another witness, who only gave his name as Nnamdi, said he lived in the area and was awakened by calls at about 5:00 a.m. to come to the scene of the fire. Nnamdi said: "Very early this morning [Wednes-

day], at about 5:00 a.m., some people called me to tell me that there was a fire outbreak at a nearby filling station on Ikot-Ekpene / Alaoji road. "We called fire fighters who came to the scene, which had snowballed into a very big inferno that covered the whole filling station. "The filling station had four trucks which were

discharging fuel at the same time. "We learnt that there was a little spark from the generating set they were using to pump the fuel into their tank which resulted in an explosion." Nnamdi said one person died at the scene on Wednesday morning while another badly burnt victim was rushed to the hospital.

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