

# Four dead as bank's generator explodes in Lagos

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**F**OUR persons were on Tuesday morning killed, while five others, including a policeman, were injured in an explosion that occurred on the premises of a new generation bank at Adeola Odeku area of Victoria Island, Lagos.

The director of the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Margaret Adeseye, confirmed the recovery of the body of one of the victims.

An eyewitness who spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune*

under the condition of anonymity said the injured policeman was an officer of the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) who was in one of the patrol vehicles of the security unit.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the fire started from an explosion in the power generating house of the bank when repair works were being done on the generator.

The eyewitness said: "The fire started from an explosion from the power generating house of the bank when some engineers were working on a faulty generator.

"Nobody can say what actually happened, but the diesel tank of the faulty generator exploded and splashed its content on people around the scene."

Four persons were badly burnt and they died on the spot, while four others sustained varying degrees of burns and were rushed to the hospital.

The eyewitness added that: "There were three RRS policemen in a patrol vehicle which was parked near the generator house.

"Two of them quickly opened their doors and escaped from the burning

vehicle, while the third one was almost trapped until he had to break the side screen of the vehicle to escape."

The Lagos Fire and Rescue Service boss, in a statement on Tuesday, said: "The Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service had recovered a male adult from a fire incident at Plot 1114, Adeola Odeku Street, by Eletu Ogabi Close, Opposite Keystone Bank Victoria Island. "The incident, which was reported at 10:03a.m., has Oba Oniru Fire Station responding to douse the ensuing fire from an industrial generator which was being

fixed before reportedly going on flame.

"The generator, which was housed within the premises of a commercial bank, also affected an adjoining Toyota saloon car belonging to the Rapid Response Squad of the Lagos Command of the Nigeria Police stationed outside the premises.

"Unfortunately, a male adult was recovered severely burnt beyond recognition and handed over to the police from Bar-Beach Division, while the four-storey commercial building was saved and the RRS policemen escaped unhurt."