

Eight killed, eight buses, two tankers, five trailers burnt in Delta tanker fire

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EIGHT persons were burnt to death on Sunday on the Ologbo Bridge, Benin/Sapele expressway in Delta, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

Spokesperson for the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bisi Kazeem, confirmed this in a statement in Abuja.

Kazeem said the dual crash involved 15 differ-

ent categories of vehicles, stating the affected vehicles as one Toyota Hiace bus, two Ford buses, one Volkswagen Passat, two J5 Peugeot buses, one Daylong motorcycle and eight tankers.

"From the report gotten from the FRSC rescue team, a total of 15 people all male adults were involved.

"Out of this number, seven people got injured, while eight victims were burnt beyond recognition.

"The truck laden with

Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS), coming from Warri, Delta State fell on the highway and spilled the PMS product on the road.

"This then led to an explosion that gutted the aforementioned number of vehicles and the 15 male victims," he said.

Earlier, the Delta State police command had confirmed that five persons were burnt to death.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bright Edafe, in his reaction to the tragedy on Sunday

afternoon, said eight buses, two tankers, five trailers, two cars and one motorcycle caught in the inferno were burnt completely.

"On the fire incident that occurred at Oghara today [Sunday], we have recorded five deaths, eight buses, two tankers, five trailers, two cars and one motorcycle burnt completely," he noted.

It was further gathered that most of those caught in the incident were scooping fuel that spilled from the fallen tanker.