

Petrol tanker, trailer in head-on collision, three burnt to death

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THREE persons were confirmed to have been burnt to death on Oko-Olowo-Jebba expressway, Ilorin, Kwara State, on Monday.

Nigerian Tribune investigations revealed that a head-on collision between a petrol tanker and a truck carrying soybeans resulted in fire incident at about 2:46 p.m.

Both the state Fire Service and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) confirmed the incident involving a petrol tanker carrying 45,000 litres of PMS, a truck loaded with soft drinks, a truck loaded with soybeans and a tricycle.

A statement by the Head of Department (HOD), Media and Publicity of the State Fire Service, Hassan Adekunle, said that, "Tragically, three lives were lost, and eight injuries were recorded among the 20 individuals on board".

"On Monday, January 15, around 14:46 hours, the Kwara State Fire Service responded to a fire at Emperor Hospital, Oko-Olowo-Jebba

expressway in Ilorin.

"The incident involved a petrol tanker, a truck loaded with soft drinks and a truck loaded with soybeans.

"The fire originated from a head-on collision between the petrol tanker, whose driver lost control, and the truck carrying soybeans. Tragically, three lives were lost, and eight injuries were recorded among the 20 individuals on board.

"Despite the severity of the situation, the firemen successfully contained the fire, preserving one hospital and nearby buildings.

"Expressing sorrow, the Director of the Kwara State Fire Service, Prince Falade John Olumuyiwa, emphasised the need for road users to prioritise safe driving practices, issuing a warning to adhere to safety measures consistently".

Also, one of the sources in the state command of the FRSC said that four vehicles were involved in the incident, namely DAF truck, IVECO truck, commercial DAF trailer, and a commercial TVS tricycle.