

# Shopowner's sister, customer die, three injured in Lagos gas explosion

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**T**WO persons died, while three others were injured in a gas explosion at Ibeju-Lekki area of Lagos State on Tuesday night.

Four shops were razed in the fire that accompanied the gas explosion.

The Ibeju-Lekki explosion

occurred about a week after many people were injured in another gas explosion at Aje-gunle area of Apapa.

The police in the state confirmed the latest explosion and advised residents to be safety conscious.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the explosion occurred at a gas retail shop around Abule Folly area of Ibeju-Lekki.

One of the deceased persons was identified as a customer who had gone to the gas shop to refill his cylinder, while the other victim was the younger sister of the shop owner.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the explosion to the *Nigerian Tribune*.

Hundeyin said: "The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Elemoro Division received information about an explosion that occurred in the area."

He said upon receipt of the information, the DPO quickly mobilised officers to the scene.

The police image-maker added that, "an on-the-spot

assessment revealed that the explosion caused the death of two persons.

"The injured victims were rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention, while the remains of the deceased have been deposited at the morgue."

He added that: "The value of the properties destroyed is still unknown. Fire fight-

ers and other sister agencies were on ground to offer help."

Also on his verified X handle (formerly Twitter), Hundeyin wrote, "It is just a week and we have recorded another gas explosion at a gas retail shop; this time at Ibeju-Lekki."

"Sadly, two persons died, three persons sustained injuries and four shops got razed."