

## Two die, many injured in overnight tanker explosion

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TRAGEDY struck at the Ijesha axis of the Cele Link Bridge in Lagos State, on a Friday night, as two individuals lost their lives and several others sustained injuries in a harrowing tanker explosion.

Investigation by Sunday Tribune indicated that the

calamity unfolded around 11:00 p.m. when the tanker driver grappled with the ascent of the bridge, ultimately leading to the catastrophic incident.

Director of the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Margaret Adeseye confirmed the incident and fatalities in a statement released on Saturday.

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Eyewitnesses, particularly local traders, recounted how the driver struggled to maintain control of the heavily laden truck, resulting in a spillage of its contents onto the roadway.

It was gathered the explosion reverberated throughout Ijesha, Cele, and

neighbouring areas, spreading panic and chaos.

Adeseye, in her statement, recounted the sequence of events, stating, "The Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service responded promptly to a distress call late Friday night, quelling a fierce blaze stemming from a tanker mishap at the Ijesha end of the Cele

link-bridge in Surulere, Lagos."

She elaborated, "At approximately 11 p.m, emergency services were alerted to a tanker truck, carrying 33,000 litres of petrol, losing control while navigating the roundabout to ascend the bridge."

"The ensuing spillage ig-

nited into a massive fire, engulfing the vicinity. However, swift intervention by the Isolo and Bolade Fire Stations of the agency contained the inferno, averting further escalation."

According to her, two male individuals were discovered dead, and that their bodies burnt beyond recognition.