

Four die in accident

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FOUR persons died in an accident that occurred at Papalanto in the Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State on Friday.

According to an eyewitness, Alao Oladele, the accident occurred when a fuel tanker, which was coming from Lagos and heading for Ilaro somersaulted.

One person died immediately.

Oladele, whose shop was one of the 18 business premises burnt during the accident, said people living in the area made attempts to rescue a

man from the crashed vehicle.

He said as they were rescuing the man, the petrol in the tanker caught fire and burnt the shops and three persons to death, including the man that was being rescued.

Corpses of the deceased have been deposited at the General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta, while injured persons were being treated at the Olabisi Onabanjo Teaching Hospital, Sagamu.

Taiwo Olabode, a member of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, said he lost a Toyota Carina 11 to the fire incident.

He stated that he had come

to repair a minor fault in the car when the fuel spilled to the mechanic workshop and burnt his car.

Some of the burnt premises included an upholstery shop, an electronic shop as well as a radio and television technician's shop.

It was a miraculous escape for a filling station, Alao Oladele Petroleum that is not far away from the burnt shops.

A man, Musbau Oladimeji, whose shop was burnt, appealed to government and well-meaning individuals to assist the victims of the accident.