

Four killed, 10 houses burnt in tanker accident

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FOUR persons were burnt in their houses in Iwaro-Akoko, Ondo State, when a truck laden with diesel somersaulted and caught fire.

The incident, which occurred on Tuesday night while the tanker was negotiating a bend, rendered many people homeless as the fire razed 10 houses in the area.

Property worth millions of naira was lost to the inferno while many sustained various degrees of burns.

Some vehicles, motorcycles and animals were also gutted.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the tanker exploded and trapped many people in their houses when the incident happened around 8.40pm while they were asleep.

It was gathered that the only post office in the area was gutted alongside other buildings.

One of the dead was said to be trying to remove his bus from the scene of the incident when the vehicle caught fire. He was burnt beyond recognition.