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Nine die in Lagos tanker explosion

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Tragedy struck again in Lagos on Tuesday night when a petrol tanker fell on another vehicle and exploded at the base of the overhead bridge at the National Stadium in Surulere.

The state Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Opeyemi Bamidele, told journalists at a press conference on Wednesday that nine people died in the accident.

Bamidele, who was in company with his Special Duties and Transportation counterparts, Dr. Tola Kasali and Prof. Bamidele Badejo, blamed the accident on the recklessness of the driver.

Bamidele said, "The magnitude of destruction which took place following the unfortunate incident was largely due to the attitude of the driver of the ill-fated tanker who, we learnt, was very reckless.

"It is all about the general attitude of the tanker drivers. When government tries to make them operate in a manner that will bring sanity to the society, they reject it and instead threaten (to embark on an) industrial action.

"The society is greater than a group of people who believe that that they can hold the entire state into ransom because they control an aspect of the economy that affects the entire citizenry."

He regretted that urchins, popularly known as area boys, obstructed rescue operations.

According to him, all the necessary agencies in charge of emergency situations were fully mobilised to the scene

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immediately the accident happened but they were not allowed to perform their duties.

The commissioner, who said that they were excused from the weekly state executive council meeting by Governor Babatunde Fashola (SAN), urged residents to support government efforts of curtailing the activities of urchins..

Badejo said six members of the council, including himself, were at the scene of the accident barely 30 minutes after it happened, and mobilised security agencies to the place in order stop the urchins.

Kasali said that Fashola had directed relevant government agencies to liaise with the families of the deceased in identifying the victims.

It was learnt that the victims, who included a couple, were roasted alive. Their vehicles were said to have caught fire when fuel spilled from the tanker.

Our correspondents gathered that the remains of the victims had been deposited at the Lagos Island General Hospital.

Eyewitnesses said they contacted a Federal Fire Service station , about 200 metres away from the scene and another at Ebute-Meta but were told that they had no water.

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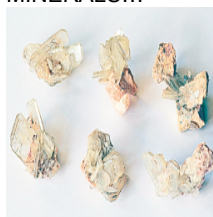
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