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One burnt, others injured as tanker crashes

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A young man was badly burnt, several others injured and a stream flowing from Oke Ilewo through Amolaso areas of Abeokuta was polluted as the content of a fuel tanker, which crashed on the Oba Gbadebo Road, Oke Ilewo, spilled on the surrounding environment on Tuesday.

While the Ogun State Traffic Enforcement and Compliance Corps cordoned off the area, diverting traffic to other routes, men of the state Fire Service battled to prevent a fire outbreak on the stream where the fuel had poured by pouring chemicals on the fuel.

The fuel tanker, with registration number Lagos XW 906 LSR, failed to climb a hilly part of the road, not far from the Abeokuta branch of the Central Bank of Nigeria and GT Bank Plc and slipped back before crashing into a cab with three passengers, who were badly wounded.

A young man, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, was, however, unlucky as the flowing fuel burst into flame and enveloped him where he was reported to be farming around the swamp of Amolaso.

The Deputy Director, Ogun State Fire Service, Mr. Mojeed Kasali, who led his men to the scene, said, "We were only called to the scene after the vehicle had somersaulted. When we arrived, we did everything possible to prevent the spread of the petrol. We are putting chemical to cover the surface so that it will not resort to fire."

He said that men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and other security operatives were asked to alert the people living in the area that the water had been polluted and should be warned not play with naked fire around the river bank.

The Director of Operation, TRACE, Mr. Seeni Ogunyemi, explained that there was a need to erect a truck barrier on the road to prevent articulated vehicles from plying it.

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