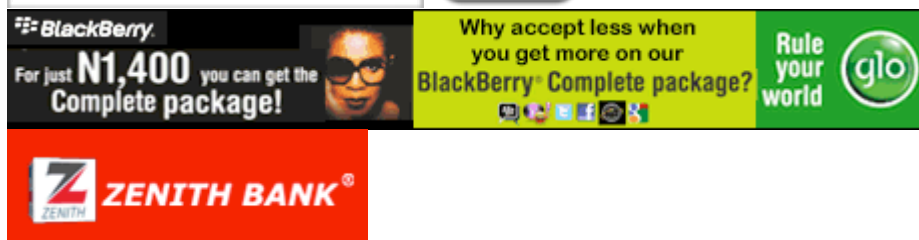


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February 19, 2012 by Stanley Ogidi [25 Comments](#)



## Lagos tanker explosion | credits: File

Two members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers and another unidentified person died about midnight on Saturday when a petroleum truck exploded at Mile Two, near Festac Town, in Lagos.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* reports that the fire, which followed the explosion, injured many people and burnt 39 vehicles, including commercial buses.

The spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Jaiyeoba Joseph, who confirmed the incident, said the driver of the truck with registration No. XB 370 ATN, was, however, at large.

The Mile Two branch Treasurer of the NURTW, Mr. Kazeem Orilowo, who witnessed the incident, told NAN that their office was destroyed in the inferno which lasted for about seven hours.



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He said that the incident occurred when the driver of the truck, which was petrol laden, lost control while descending on one of the loops of the Mile Two bridge and exploded by the motor park.

Orilowo said the vehicles destroyed were for inter-state and intra-city transportation.

Also the Vice-Chairman of the Amuwo-Odofin NURTW, Mr. Ajele Abayomi, told *SUNDAY PUNCH* that two of the deceased, Taworidi Alade, Sulmonu Azeez, were their members.

“We could not identify the third person. When we searched the truck that caused the inferno, we saw three number plates but the driver has absconded,” he said.

It was gathered that 10 transport companies in the areas lost vehicles to the inferno.

A driver with one of the transport companies, Jil Motors, Mr Austin Iziren, told NAN that they lost a bus, while the fire consumed all his personal belongings.

Also, a manager with Ufuoma Motors, Mr. Fred Obroh, said they lost two buses in the fire.

In a related development Yobe State Governor, Ibrahim Gaidam, has directed the immediate review of activities of the state’s mass transit company, ‘Yobe Line.’ following an accident involving two of its buses which claimed 32 lives.

In a statement issued by the Special Adviser to the governor

on media and information, Abdullahi Bego on Saturday, it said the “governor took that measure ‘with a view to ensuring that accidents such as the one that claimed several lives are prevented in future.’”

The two buses belonging to Yobe line had on Thursday collided with each other near Azare, along the Kano-Maiduguri road, claiming 32 livess

Bego said the governor also called on commercial drivers to observe traffic regulations while plying major roads.

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*Lastp* February 19, 2012 at 12:55 am

Like the saying “Eko oni baje”

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*umaru gidanadua* February 19, 2012 at 7:05 am

Its only to raise money selling new plate numbers na im govt. And frsc sabi. Roads are left unattended and all efforts is geared towards milking the masses in the name of driver's licence and plate number. God! what a country where human life is less valued to that of a dog, cat, lizard etc.

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○ *El Egwu* February 19, 2012 at 10:40 pm

I do not speak your dialect. what do you mean?  
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● *moses ovie orogun* February 19, 2012 at 1:28 am

It is possible to avert incidences of this nature on our roads. The major problem here is lack of adequate maintenance of such vehicles by their owners and reckless driving on the part of the drivers. Whether they are carrying products or goods or not, tanker and trailer drivers are known to drive in such a way as to scare smaller vehicles off the road at all times they are there. They do not value the lives of drivers and passengers in smaller vehicles. The carnage on our roads due to tankers falling down and exploding have become too rampant of recent. I think the Vehicle Inspection Officers(V.I.O.'s) are to blame for lapses here. If such vehicles are stopped by V.I.O's and checked regularly, loss of lives would be averted. Collection of money from drivers whose vehicles are in deplorable conditions by

law enforcement officers who look the other way, should be stopped with immediate effect. Otherwise any one who collects money from the driver of such a bad vehicle that ends up killing people is equally blood guilty. If found out, such an officer should be arrested and prosecuted. If convicted of the offence, such an officer should bear a bigger part of the jail term when sentence is passed.

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o *vinccent okoye* February 19, 2012 at 11:22 am

I totally agree with you, no country can move forward with the way Nigerians are been killed, it must stop.

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• *Emmy U* February 19, 2012 at 4:49 am

Too bad. Moses I do agree with you. The FRSC also should embark on Defensive Driving Training before renewal of the tanker drivers licences and other motorists too. A stitch in time saves nine. RIP people that have lost their lives.

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o *niyi* February 19, 2012 at 3:58 pm

i agree wid u brov ,there r a lot of nigerian truck drivers who do nt know the basics of driving trucks and heavy lorries on nigerian roads

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- *afowowe christopher olawale* February 19, 2012 at 5:14 am

ITS TIME TO NOA (ORIENTATION AGENCY) TO REACH OUT TO THE TANKER DRIVERS TO SENSITIZE THEM ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THIS KIND OF EXPLOSION AND EDUCATION ON WHAT TO DO AT THE FIRST INSTANCE AT ITS OCCURENCE.

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- *umaru gidanadua* February 19, 2012 at 7:12 am

Tanker drivers and thier wahala. If a child of theirs' is caned bt school ,they go on strike,you quarrel wit their wife,they go on strike,you correct them,they go on strike,you did'nt say goodmorning to them,they go on strike. I hope they go on strike now that one of them has killed innocent people.

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- *Okey Njoku* February 19, 2012 at 5:35 am

When incident such as this happens in an organised society, it is investigated and serious measure is put in place to prevent further occurance. The company that owns the tanker will pay for all the damage including lost of lives. But in Nigeria people only cry and nothing happens after. Unless adquate measure is taken to ensure that offenders are given their due punishment



innocent citizens will continue to loss thieir lives to reckless driving. Some of the vehicles are not road worthy, still policemen collect money from the drivers and allow them to move on. If our constitution doesn't take care of payment of damage by companies for damage done to individauls and property, I think the National Assembly should enact one.

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*Jed* February 19, 2012 at 9:54 am

U are right but do we have government or a listening one at least. They are never concerned

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*Akanji muideen* February 19, 2012 at 7:37 am

I plead to FRSC should luck critically on what cause raod accident in this country. Before issueing driving licence to any driver, such person should be tested or trained. And shouldn't drink alcoho when driving. Morealso, government should pleas rehabilitate the poth-hole on the raod.

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*olayemi wale* February 19, 2012 at 7:39 am

goverment should do something about this petrol tanker

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- *akintunde* February 19, 2012 at 7:47 am

Nawa oo this world wil soon com 2 anend

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- *a382623* February 19, 2012 at 9:03 am

I've said that least 382623 times. SCK was here

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- *Jed* February 19, 2012 at 9:51 am

Have u noticed that majority of those driving tankers on our roads are under-aged? Corruption allows anything to go on, Nigerians must be ready to do the right thing and stop exposing innocents to dangers just bcos of "EGUNJE" (bribe).

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- *noso* February 19, 2012 at 11:15 am

that is rubbish, where are fire protection agency for 7hrs

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*abimbola* February 19, 2012 at 11:19 am

The God of heaven will continue to protect Nigeria and deliver us from recklessness of these drivers.

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• *TOJU* February 19, 2012 at 11:23 am

LAGOS STATE SHOULD DECLEAR A STATE OF EMMGENCY ON IT'S ROADS BE IT TRACK 'A', 'B' OR 'C'.

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• *vinccent okoye* February 19, 2012 at 11:31 am

Tanker drivers should only ply the roads as from 11pm when the roads are less bussy,that's the way Western world handles their derivery of petrol products. Roads must be repaired where needed to avoid these madness of mass burial in our country,Nigeria.

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• *richard* February 19, 2012 at 11:37 am

we have many agency in naija from police,frsc including ministry of environment, lasman without any measures to be taken ragarding truck movement, in advance worlds big truck have their own access way, and timing of moving inside the city, all our education intelligent ended

up in corruption,

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• *Ugo Patrick Anani* February 19, 2012 at 12:32 pm

May the souls of those who lost their life rest in perfect peace.

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• *onyeejp* February 19, 2012 at 3:48 pm

Look let me tell u the main couse of motor accident in Nigeria, 90% of the drivers smokes hard drugs,or takeing the tablet ones even some of them takes solution etc. Now ,listen in oversea police has something to chack drivers that are alcoholic not .

In Nigeria i have never seen a police or so called frscn were they`re chacking drivers that takes hard drugs while on the road.

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• *ISERE STANLEY OGBEIDE GENOVA ITALY.* February 19, 2012 at 6:01 pm

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o **mike** February 19, 2012 at 9:40 pm

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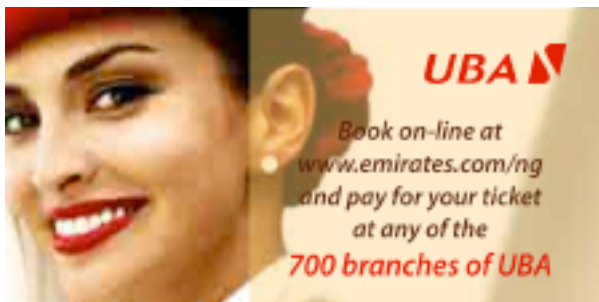
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