

Ogun CP, Ahmed Iliyasu

...who confirmed the killing, said that the case had been transferred to the homicide unit of the State

"The police have been on the case since that time. We are still conducting our investigation. By the grace of God, we believe we will get the assailants."

Fuel tanker explodes in Edo, kills driver, destroys 10 vehicles

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The driver of a fuel tanker lost his life in a fatal auto crash that occurred in the early hours of Friday in Benin, the Edo State capital.

The crash occurred along the Benin-Lagos Expressway, in front of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital.

The truck, fully laden with diesel, allegedly veered off its lane, fell and exploded, while trying to avoid an oncoming vehicle said to be driving against traffic.

It was alleged that the truck also hit a Mercedes Benz Wagon conveying bags of rice from Lagos.

The truck driver, whose identity could not be ascertained, got trapped under the truck and was reportedly burnt beyond recognition. His assistant (popularly called *motor boy*) was said to have escaped.

Also, the Mercedes Benz vehicle conveying the rice got burnt completely, while the driver's whereabouts were unknown.

Efforts by firefighters to put out the wild fire were

complicated by the fuel gushing from the truck.

Fire from the crash affected a nearby car dealer's shop where about eight used imported vehicles were affected.

The fire was eventually brought under control by firefighters from the University of Benin, UBTH and the Nigerian Army.

The Edo State Deputy Governor, Philip Shaibu, who visited the accident scene around 10am, warned motorists against driving against traffic.

He said, "The accident could have been avoided if traffic rules and regulations were obeyed. Drivers should abide by traffic rules to avoid tragedies of this nature."



•Scene of explosion

Motorist kills woman, two kids in Anambra

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