One dead, three injured in Lagos gas explosion

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Scene of the explosion

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A yet-to-be-identified person lost his life on Monday to a gas explosion, which occurred at a storey building on the Cappa Avenue, Palmgrove Estate, Palmgrove area of Lagos State.

Three others, who sustained varying degrees of injury, were rescued by emergency responders and rushed to hospital for treatment.

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PUNCH Metro gathered that the explosion was caused by

gas leakage from the cylinder being used to service the air

conditioner in the building.

The Director-General, State Emergency Lagos

Management Agency, Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, who

confirmed the incident, said the remaining occupants were

evacuated from the building, adding that the scene of the

incident had been cordoned off to prevent a secondary

incident.

Oke-Osanyintolu said, "Upon arrival at the scene of the incident, a gas cylinder used in filling an outdoor

split air conditioning unit in a storey building exploded as a result of gas leakage.

"A male adult lost his life and three adult males sustained varying degrees of injury and had all been taken

to hospital before the arrival of the LASEMA Response Team.

"The LRT, the police and Lagos State Fire Service personnel are responders at the scene of the incident.

All the occupants have been evacuated and the scene of the incident has been cordoned off to prevent any

secondary incident as there are visible cracks on the walls and pillars. Recovery operation is ongoing."

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