

In January 2019, about 60 persons were feared dead after a petrol tanker veered off the road, caught fire and exploded as people tried to scoop the fuel. The vehicle crashed in the Odukpani area of Cross River State, just north of the state capital, Calabar, around 5pm. The Cross River State police spokeswoman, Irene Ugbo, said the blast could have been sparked by the clashing of steel containers used to scoop up the petrol.