

Four months later, 12 people were roasted and 16 others badly injured when a fuel tanker exploded in Gombe on April 14. The driver allegedly lost control of the tanker as he tried to avoid colliding with another truck at a bridge on the outskirts of the city.

“The tanker fell on its side, spilled its contents and exploded, causing an inferno that engulfed other road users,” Gombe State police spokeswoman, Mary Mallum said. “Twelve people were burnt to death, while 16 others were seriously injured and evacuated to hospital for treatment,” she added, accusing the driver, who was among those killed, of reckless driving and excessive speeding.