

Two die, policeman hospitalised in Rivers explosion

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- Scene of an accident

Two persons have been confirmed dead, while a senior police officer is in critical condition in a hospital after a bus crashed and went up in flames at Elele-Alimini, in the Emuoha Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The bus was said to be travelling to Ahoada, also in Rivers State, when the incident occurred.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the bus was conveying petroleum products when the explosion occurred, burning the two occupants to death.

Though there were initial claims that a cop in the vehicle also died, the state police command said the operative was receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

A source, who did not want his name in print, told our correspondent that the bus collided with another vehicle before it burst into flames, adding that it was difficult to rescue the victims.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed two deaths.

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He said, "Yes, I can confirm the fire incident that claimed two lives. The policeman who was on the bus sustained life threatening injuries.

“It was an accident involving two vehicles. Two cars collided and fire ignited. I don’t know if the policeman, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, is dead or not. I think he is in a critical condition.”