

• Head, Sales Support and Operations, Etisalat Nigeria, Victor Nwaobia (first right) presenting the key to a Toyota Hilux to Deputy Governor of Imo State, Prince Eze Madumere (MFR) (first left), during the Etisalat donation to security agencies in Imo State, held at Imo Government Relations, Etisalat Nigeria, Mohammed Suleh-Yusuf, (second left).

Disaster in Aba: Tanker explosion kills one, injures several others

• **Welder on the run**
From OKEY SAMPSON, Aba

Disaster occurred yesterday morning at the Ogbor Hill area of the commercial city of Aba, Abia State, when a tanker truck exploded, killing one person and injuring several others.

The incident, *Daily Sun* gathered occurred when a roadside welder identified simply as Ifeanyi, was mending a rustic portion of the tanker with registration No. ABIA: XD 971 SSM and in the process, it caught fire.

As people rushed to put off the fire with buckets of water, the tanker exploded, causing its rear cover to fly off in different directions, killing a tri-cycle mechanic named Kelechi John, from Osusu, Obingwa Local Government Area and injuring several other persons. It also destroyed some vehicles in the process. Another part of the rear cover caught down

electric high tension cables. *Daily Sun* investigation revealed that the driver of the tanker had earlier taken the truck to a company at Alaoji near Aba, who are said to be experts in the welding of leaky tankers and they billed him N50, 000 for the work.

Feeling the amount was much, the driver came to the welder at the popular 7UP

Junction at Ogbor Hill, who agreed to do the work for N5, 000. It was gathered that apparently, due to protests from neighbours who knew the inherent danger in the job,

The welder could not immediately commence work on the tanker. But he was said to have gone to work on the tanker early yesterday,

when other shop owners had not come out. It was during the welding work on the tanker that the explosion occurred and the welder immediately took to his heels on noticing the damage he had caused.

When our reporter visited the scene of the incident, policemen from the area command and Azuka police

station both in Aba, were seen controlling traffic in the area after rescuing the injured, who were rushed to hospital for treatment.

The remains of the mechanic had been deposited at the morgue of a private hospital in the city while police are intensifying efforts to apprehend the fleeing welder.

warning to seek refuge in other parties.

He said APGA would reject any aspirant that was not sincere, genuine and hard working.

The youth leader said the party was set to remain in power in Anambra State, disclosing that all market women had given their full support to APGA in the forthcoming election.

Chukwunyere, a former national secretary of National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), also hinted that the students body was already mobilizing for APGA and to help protect its votes.

"I am confident that APGA will not just retain the Anambra State governorship seat but would extend its hold and good governance to other South-East states.

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