

NNPC tanker crushes driver

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A Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) tanker with registration number XKN 222 SA has somersaulted in Owerri Abia State, killing a driver of a Mercedes Benz car.

The incident which happened in front of the Nigerian Navy School of Finance and Logistics, claimed the life of the driver when the tanker which was carrying 40,000 litres of petrol fell on top of the car.

The driver died instantly.

But for the intervention of Capt Aminu, who mobilised his men to ensure that the tanker was constantly sprayed with water from the naval base to avoid any fire incident.

Capt Aminu said that immediately he got information about the ugly incident he started making efforts to ensure that the people around the area were evacuated.

According to him, "it was a huge tragedy and immediately I heard it, I told my people to do everything possible to ensure the safety of lives and property of the people living around the area including our base".

"I came down personally and was directing the affairs until the tow truck we engaged came to move the fallen truck out of the highway, as the entire road was completely blocked.

"The man whose car the truck fell on was trapped and we were busy trying to save him, but unfortunately by the time the truck was lifted off the car the man was found dead."

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