

2 die, 17 vehicles burnt in Sango-Ota tanker accident

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Two persons were confirmed dead and six others injured in a fire accident involving a petroleum tanker at Bible College Bus-stop along the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway on Thursday night.

Ganiyu Akeem, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Assistant Corps Commander in Ota, who confirmed the incident said that 17 vehicles were also burnt in the accident that happened around 11.55 p.m. on Thursday night. He said the incident happened when the lone tanker fell and spilled its inflammable content into the drainage channel.

He said the tanker ignited the fire that burnt many vehicles. Akeem said 17 vehicles were affected, which included one tanker trailer, 10 articulated vehicles, three cars and three commercial buses. Sango Toll Gate premises of the FRSC was also affected.

Also, Mr Adekunle Ajibade, an official of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), said that the fuel-laden truck was heading to Lagos from Sango-Ota when it developed a gear fault and overturned in the process.

“The driver was trying to change the gear of the vehicle and lost control. The truck overturned and caught fire immediately,” Ajibade said.

The FRSC commander said that seven fire-fighting trucks, three from Ogun and four from Lagos, were promptly mobilised to the scene. “Thank God, we were able to stop the vehicles coming from Lagos at the Toll-gate on

Lagos-Abeokuta expressway in good time.

“We rescued one person and took him to Ota General Hospital. We also evacuated two corpses that were burnt beyond recognition and we took them in our ambulance to Ifo General Mortuary”, he a