

One Dies As Fuel Tanker Falls On Car

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A Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) tanker carrying 40,000 litres of petrol, which fell on a Mercedes Benz car, killed the car driver instantly.

But the quick intervention of the Commandant of the Nigeria Navy School of Finance and Logistics, Owerinta, Abia State, Captain Abdulahi Aminu, averted what could have resulted in the loss of many lives at the naval base.

The tanker with registration number XKN 222 SA with NNPC emblem was said to be heading to Owerri in Imo State from Aba when it lost control and upturned in front of the naval base. It crushed the car with the driver inside. A witness said passers-by watched helpless as they were unable to save the life of the man trapped under the tanker.

According to him, everybody was trying frantically to prevent the truck from catching fire and causing more havoc. It took the intervention of Aminu, who mobilised his men to ensure that the tanker did not burst into flames.

Aminu told journalists that immediately he got information about the accident, he ensured the evacuation of people in the area. He said: “Immediately I heard of the incident, I told my people to do everything possible to ensure the safety of lives and property of the people in the area including our base.

“I came down personally and was directing the affairs until the towing 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.”

Aminu said the car had been removed from the highway while the body of the driver had been deposited in a mortuary.