

Two killed, 19 vehicles burnt in Suleja fuel tanker explosion



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At least, two persons have been confirmed dead as a fuel laden tanker exploded in Suleja, Niger State, leaving several others severely injured and 19 vehicles burnt.

The Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA) on Saturday confirmed the death of one person, saying that the number of the casualties, including the injured cannot be ascertained as the time of filing in this report.

The explosion, which happened on Friday night, took place at Dikko-Junction on the Abuja-Kaduna Expressway.

Confirming the incident to our Correspondent, the Director General of NSEMA, Ahmed Inga said it occurred around 10:30 p.m. on Friday night and also resulted in the burning of several vehicles.

According to him, NSEMA received a report from its Suleja Desk Officer that there was a tanker explosion and many people were affected.

He said: “We cannot give the actual number of people that lost their lives, we will confirm that during our assessment; but from the report of our Suleja Desk Officer, one person died in the incident. Many people were injured and several vehicles were completely burnt.”

Inga further stated that firefighters from the State Fire Service in conjunction with their counterparts in the Federal Fire Service were able to bring the fire under control around 4:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Inga added that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited in the morgue at Umaru Musa Hospital, Sabon Wuse, while those injured were also receiving treatment at the same facility.

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