

# Six die in Abia community gas explosion

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Community sources in the oil and gas-rich Owaza town in Ukwa West Local Government Area of Abia State have confirmed that six persons have been killed following a gas explosion.

*New Telegraph* gathered from the sources that the explosion which occurred at about 9:50 am on Sunday, took place when some of the victims stormed an illegal oil refining site in Owaza, where they do the illegal oil business.

The sources said that the

victims used a gas cylinder to disconnect an oil pot which exploded and killed the six persons on the spot who were operating on the illegal refining site.

As when filling this story, the identity of the victims was yet to be ascertained, but the burnt and dismembered remains of their bodies littered the site creating a gory scene.

According to a reliable source, "The six victims went to an illegal oil refinery site where they tried using a gas cylinder to open an oil pot but the cylinder exploded and killed them on the spot."