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Petroleum tanker explosion kills over 20 persons in Jos, many others injured

A petroleum tanker yesterday exploded in the Bauchi Road area of Jos, near the University of Jos main campus, in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing over 20 people and injuring several others officials said.

New Telegraph learnt that a video footage shared by residents on social media showed the dramatic explosion, with pedestrians running away from the blaze and cars speeding away.

The deadly incident which occurred at about 1:30pm led to the death of motorists and pedestrians within the area with several others also injured in the busy area of Bauchi Road.

The Plateau State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Alfred Alabo however confirmed the killing of 10 persons in the incident in a Press Statement he issued yesterday evening.

He said, "The Plateau State Police Command wishes to inform the general public of the unfortunate incident that happened at Bauchi Road Junction in Jos today, being the 27/04/2023 at about 1330hrs.

"The Command received information from a good Samaritan that a tanker conveying Premium Motor Spirit (PMS)

lost control, crashed and burst in flames along Bauchi Road Junction in Jos.

"On receipt of the ugly incident, the Commissioner of Police, CP Bartholomew N. Onyeka, psc (+) directed the Angwan Rogo Divisional Police Officer and his team of detective to move to the scene of the accident immediately.

"Upon their arrival it was discovered that ten (10) yet to be identified persons were burnt beyond recognition.

"Their lifeless bodies were later deposited at Plateau

Specialist Hospital, Jos, while three (3) Motor vehicles and two (2) tricycles affected by the fire were recovered from the scene. Efforts are on to remove obstacles placed on the road to enable free flow of traffic and to identify the true identity of the

burnt bodies."

The police extended their condolence to the families of those who lost their lives in the unfortunate accident and also advised members of the public not to panic as the situation is under control.



Petroleum Tanker on fire

14 die, 5 injured in Bauchi auto crash – FRSC

Ⓢ No fewer than 14 persons have lost their lives in a motor accident at Zangoro village on the Bauchi-Darazo road.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Bauchi State, Mr Yusuf Abdullahi who disclosed this in a Road Traffic Crash (RTC) report yesterday in Bauchi, said five other persons sustained varying degree of injuries in the crash which occurred yesterday at about 12:17 p.m.

According to him, the accident involved one Golf 3 Wagon car with registration number AJ507G-WA and one private Chevrolet car.

The commander attributed the crash to speed violation, adding that personnel of the corps cleared the scene of the accident as well as recovered N73,000, seven phones, one power bank and four small handbags.

"Nineteen persons were involved in the fatal road crash comprising 10 female adults, seven male adults, one female child and

one male child.

"Fourteen of them lost their lives on the spot, they include 10 female adults, two male adults, one male child and one female child," he said.

Abdullahi said the corpses of the deceased and the injured had been referred to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital, Bauchi for medical attention and identification.

He advised motorists to respect traffic rules and regulations while plying the road.

Man, 25, arraigned over alleged cultism, unlawful possession of Indian hemp

A 24-year old man, Popoola Oladiji, was yesterday arraigned at an Ile-Ife Magistrates' Court over alleged cultism and unlawful possession of Indian hemp.

Oladiji, whose address was not

given, is facing a three-count of cultism, unlawful possession of Indian hemp and breach of public peace.

The Prosecutor, Insp Sunday Osanyintuyi, told the court that the defendant committed the offence at about 10.00 a.m. on April 26, at Fashina Area, Ile-Ife.

He said that Oladiji paraded