

Tanker Explosion Kills 3, Injures 11

No fewer than three persons were feared dead while 11 others sustained serious injuries yesterday as Total Filling Station along Aliyu Jodi Road, Sokoto was razed down by fire.

THISDAY checks revealed that a tanker filled with 40,000 litres of petrol waiting to offload at the station, exploded and within minutes the filling

Kebbi Gov Optimistic Over Appeal

Governor Saidu Dakingar of Kebbi State whose election was nullified by the state's Election Petition Tribunal last month has expressed optimism that about victory at the poll even if the Court of Appeal orders a re-run of the election.

Speaking through his Senior

*From Mohammed Aminu
in Sokoto*

station and some shops close to it were completely razed in the inferno, although Unity bank located opposite the filling station was not affected by the incident.

An eye witness, Haruna Cika told THISDAY that the

incidence occurred around 9pm when petrol was being offloaded into storage tanks at the station.

According to him, there was an electrical problem that led to a spark and as a result, the tank exploded. Consequently, the whole area was completely engulfed by smoke as shops close to the station were completely burnt.

*From George Oji
in Kaduna*

election will be quashed by the Appeal Court, since it was not part of the pleas or prayers of the petitioners, after all.

The tribunal had ruled that the nomination of Dakingari as governorship candidate of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) pre-dated his registration as member of the party.

THISDAY also gathered that the residents of the area raised alarm and alerted the fire service and security operatives who swiftly intervened and succeeded in quenching the fire.

He also disclosed that security operatives have been deployed to the area to ensure that peace is not breached and urged residents of the area to remain calm.

In the same vein, Zonal coordinator, Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) Sokoto, Alhaji Umar Moriki told newsmen in his office that the department visited the scene of the incident and consequently has set up a committee under safety and environment unit to investigate the disaster.

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