

# 3 Die in Petrol Tanker Explosion

Three persons, including a father and his son, have been confirmed dead when a fuel tanker exploded in Lekki Tabbu, Yola.

Two others are lying critically ill at the Adamawa State Specialist Hospital, Yola, when a fuel tanker being welded exploded.

The dead victims are: Adamu Ali and his father, Alhaji Ali and Kashimu Lawal.

Another victim, Jared William, is lying critically ill with third degree burns at the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital, having difficulty with his breathing, while yet another victim could not be identified as at the time of filing this report.

The explosion also totally razed the duplex apartment where the incident took place, believed to be one of the properties of former vice president

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THISDAY checks revealed that the compound houses some expatriate staff of the ABTI American University of Nigeria.

It was gathered that services of the victims were engaged by one Chigwe, who is one of the contractors handling jobs for the institution.

The accident, it was gathered, was as a result of a spark on a diesel tank in the compound.

However, unconfirmed reports said the contract was for a water tank, which however, turned out to contain some diesel.

A release from the University made available to newsmen by Dr Elspeth Smith, its Vice President, university relations said the university is monitoring the situation.