

Another Tanker Fire Claims 10 Lives

Four days after a petroleum tanker-induced inferno at Ibafo on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway claimed about six lives, another petrol tanker yesterday triggered fire which claimed 10 lives in the Badagry area of Lagos State.

Yesterday's fuel-induced fire from a petroleum tanker was the third in less than a month beginning with the gory scene at Ojodu Berger to last Sunday's inferno at Ibafo, Ogun State.

A truck loaded with product suspected to be petrol, went up in flames in Badagry area of Lagos, instantly burning an unidentified man to death, while others sustained varying degrees of burns as casualties mounted.

Eyewitnesses said a total of 22 vehicles of different make were also affected in the fire.

Unconfirmed reports however said about 10 persons were burnt beyond recognition.

The truck with number plate XB 142 UMZ, heading inward Badagry, was said to have been involved in a lone accident at Adodo junction, by Mowo bus-stop at about 4pm while trying to negotiate a bend due to the bad condition of the road.

Reports of the incident as related

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by eyewitnesses said this led to an explosion, followed by fire, which spread instantly.

Vehicles coming from behind the truck were not so lucky as most of them were caught in the raging fire, a situation that worsened the casualty figures.

Some of the motorists according to eye witnesses, jumped out of their vehicles in fear and ran for

dear life.

Some of them were said to have been choked by thick smoke from the burning vehicles and were subsequently rushed to the hospital.

Eye witnesses said most vehicles involved were affected by thick smoke that billowed, as vision was blurred on the highway.

As at 6pm, effort to contain the fire was still on. Policemen from Badagry and Ijaniki divisions were drafted to the scene to help in the rescue mission.

PHCN: NCP Invites 3 For Re-submit Bids for

The National Council on Privatisation (NCP), has invited Power Grid of India, ESB International of Ireland and Manitoba Hydro of Canada to re-submit technical and financial proposals for the management contract for Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN). The three firms were the only companies that submitted their proposals (Technical and Financial) at the deadline for submission in April 2007.

The decision to invite the three firms was reached at the NCP's

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third meeting for 2010 which held recently at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. The meeting was chaired by Vice President Namadi Sambo who is also the NCP chairman.

BPE Spokesman, Mr. Chukwuma Nwokoh who made this known in a statement yesterday in Abuja, said the three foreign firms were invited to re-apply because it was difficult attracting credible, experienced and world-