

In Brief

Two Die, 3 injured in Fuel Tanker Fire

Two people were reported to have died while three others sustained serious injuries when a petrol tanker conveying fuel overturned and burst into flame in Suleja town, Niger State on Friday. According to reports, the fuel tanker which contained over 50,000 litres of fuel instead of following the bypass decided to traverse the centre of the city and due to the bad road, turned over. One of the three injured persons had both limbs chopped off and was with others, admitted at the Suleja general hospital for treatment. The remains of the deceased according to the reports were evacuated and deposited at the morgue. It was gathered that officials of the Niger State Emergency Management Agency and the state fire service battled spiritedly to control the fire from burning the houses around where the accident took place. However, five cars and some six shops were completely burnt by the ensuing fire. The Director General Niger State Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), Alhaji Ibrahim Inga when contacted confirmed the incident. Inga said the accident happened because the tanker driver decided to traverse the middle of the town instead of the bypass at Dikko town when driver lost control of the vehicle because of the narrowness of the road.

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