

Petrol tanker crushes three in Lagos

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LAGOS—THREE persons were reportedly crushed yesterday in Lagos by a tanker loaded

with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), otherwise known as petrol when the tanker somersaulted and landed on a vehicle carrying the deceased, killing them

instantly.

The incident which caused heavy traffic jam between Anthony Village and Gbagada provoked panic among commuters following fear that the tanker would explode. Commuters who were going to Lagos Island via the third mainland axis were said to have trekked long distance following the heavy traffic.

The cause of the accident could not immediately be ascertained as at press time. But eyewitness said the tanker was on a high speed and suddenly lost control. It then somersaulted and landed on the private vehicle.

Frantic efforts to get the reaction of the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olabode Ojajuni failed. But sources closed to his office said, a combined team of policemen and LASTMA responded promptly as the long queue was noticed and evacuated the vehicles involved.

Associates under siege, Commissioner raises alarm

Understood by what he called the hasty and unnecessary harassment, intimidation, arrests and trials of some known Fayose's faithfuls.

Oguntuase, who spoke in apparent reaction to Monday's arrests of the former deputy speaker of the State House of Assembly, Mr. Taiwo Olatunbosun, a House of Representatives aspirant, Mr. Bosun Osaloni, two commissioners of the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) and others by security agents, said the development was not only too

hasty but also predetermined.

"Any discerning mind that follows closely the history of the arrest of Chief Dayo Okondo, Mr. Goke Olatunji and Mr. Gbenga Joseph and their subsequent trial, will not be surprised about the latest clampdown on some PDP and Fayose's faithfuls", he said.

Oguntuase emphasized that the unwarranted attack on Fayose's associates, the declaration of the state of emergency and the latest clampdown were all targeted at pulling down Fayose's