

Fuel tanker explosion claims 100 lives in Kaduna

KAGARKO (KADUNA)—NO fewer than 100 lives have been lost following a fuel tanker explosion at Katugal, Kagarko local government Area of Kaduna State.

The ugly incident occurred on Monday night following an accident by a fuel tanker.

An eyewitness said that the tanker driver skidded off the road, while the petrol it was conveying gushed out and attracted villagers.

The witness said that villagers were seen struggling amongst themselves to scoop the petrol when the tanker ignited and followed by a loud explosion causing the disaster.

The explosion, which burnt the scavengers and some innocent passers-by and several houses, rendered survivors homeless.

The state Deputy Governor, Mr Ibrahim Yakowa, described the incident as unfortunate and prayed for the repose of the souls of those burnt in the incident.

He promised that the state government would settle the bills of the injured persons presently receiving treatment at the Kafanchan General Hospital.

Charred remains of the victims were buried in a mass grave in the village, as most of them had been burnt beyond recognition.

Attempts to get the reaction of relations of the victims was impossible, as some families lost up to 10 members.