

Four die as *Okada* bikes explode

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FOUR persons were burnt to death Tuesday night at LASU/Iyana Iba road, Lagos, following an explosion by two motorcycles.

Eye witness said the victims two motorcyclists and their passengers met their untimely death when one of the motorcyclists had a head-on collision with the other. An explosion resulting from a twenty-litres jerrican filled with petroleum product, which was on one of the motorcycles occurred, thereby setting all of them ablaze. Time was 8pm.

Report said the explosion also caused a multiple auto crash as vehicles stopped abruptly to avoid being caught in the inferno. Several occupants in the affected vehicles sustained injuries as they all tried to escape from their vehicles. Effort to save the lives of the burning victims failed, as only one motorists was said to have been with a fire extinguisher, which unfortunately could not put out the fire.

When *Vanguard* arrived the scene yesterday at about 11.30 am, the charred remains of one of the victims still laid on the road, including the burnt motorcycles.

Vanguard gathered that one of the motorcyclists who was heading for Igando, saw a Petrol station which was selling fuel.

He was said to have bought the product into a twenty-litre jerrican after filling his motorcycle, following scarcity of the product, with the intension of using it the next day, only to be caught in an explosion caused by the petrol.