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A tanker loaded with product suspected to be diesel, weekend, exploded inside a company's premises in Epe area of Lagos, burning two persons to death in the resultant fire. The fate of a third victim still hangs in the balance as doctors are reportedly battling to save his life in an undisclosed hospital.

Report said the deceased who were all external welders, were contracted by Marcbach Global Company. While the job was reportedly near completion, an explosion which rocked the entire area occurred, setting three of them ablaze.

Help was reportedly not in sight as everyone scammed for safety. But one of the victims identified as Osama Agbala said to have managed to run out of the premises, was rushed to the hospital, while his colleagues, whose names were given as Tunde Oyetayo and Gbemi Ajila, were burnt to death.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Frank Mba, said the charred remains of Tunde and Gbemi, ages 20 and 21 respectively, have been removed by policemen from Epe division, who he said are still investigating the incident.



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