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Ughelli — A tanker driver and two of his conductors, yesterday died in a fatal accident at Uvwiamuge-Agbarho Junction on the East-West Road, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State.

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The accident, according to Vanguard's investigations, occurred at about 5:30pm, as the tanker driver tried to avoid an on coming bus and ran into the pavement on the road. It was gathered that the driver and two conductors of the tanker, which was carrying fuel to Ughelli, caught fire and burnt its occupants to death.

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As at press time, the tanker was still on fire with its occupants still burning without any form of rescue coming their way.

Effort to reach the Agbarho Police Divisional Officer for comment proved abortive.

Speaking to our correspondent at the accident scene, a motorist who gave his name as Mr John Egajivbie, blamed the accident on the slow pace of work on the East West Road.

He called on the Federal Government to prevail on the contractor handling the road project to expedite action.

He also warned drivers against excessive speeding on the highway.

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