



Another set of tankers caught up in the inferno.

# 10 killed in multiple tanker explosions, building collapse

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LAGOS—AT least 10 people died yesterday in two unrelated accidents between Lagos and

Ibadan.

On the Lagos- Ibadan expressway, five people were burnt in a multiple accident involving nine fuel tankers while a

building under construction at the site of New Covenant Church, Sagbe, Ojoo in Ibadan collapsed during a downpour, claiming five lives including two women with two others seriously injured on Wednesday night.

It was the prompt response of security men, men of the Federal Road Safety Corps, policemen

seen scattered on the ground.

One of the survivors, Mr Wole Sokunbi said, "we were 13 people working on the building when the rain started and we were waiting under this building to collect our daily allowances from pastor, the foreman. Suddenly the building collapsed. Only pastor, myself and one of the

day. They had cleaned up and were waiting for the contractor. Then, the rain started. It was then they took shelter under the deck. Then, suddenly, we heard a loud bang. Two of them who are Hausas tried to escape but the iron rod held their legs. But, they were quickly rescued and taken to the hospital."

A member of the church, Mr. Oyegoke Francis described the incident as unfortunate.

Governor Ajimobi blamed the incident on the failure of the contractor handling the church building to use quality materials as well as his (contractor's) intention to cut cost.

"If the contractor had not compromised quality, this incident would not have happened," the

## Five feared dead in Ogun explosion

Also, no fewer than five persons were feared dead early yesterday morning in a multiple accident that occurred at Ibafo, a few kilometers to Redemption Camp, around Danko Village along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway when a tanker loaded with Premium Motor Spirit, petrol, rammed into some trucks parked along the expressway.

An eyewitness told Vanguard that the accident occurred when a tanker with registration number, KEBBI, XB370ZUR rammed into some of the petrol tankers haphazardly parked on the two sides of the express way, leaving several people critically injured.

The tankers were, according to the source, immediately gutted by fire and not less than five people popularly called motor boys were burnt, while it also burnt not less than nine of the tankers.

When Vanguard visited the scene of the accident, there was heavy gridlock leading to the diversion of vehicles to other areas of the road.

It was gathered that, three tankers and seven articulated vehicles were involved in the accident.

Speaking with newsmen on the accident, the Federal Road Safety Corps Sector Commander in Ogun State, Ayobami Omiyale said the accident occurred at about 12 : 30am yesterday, adding that, no fewer than 30 passengers were involved in the accident which claimed two unidentified persons burnt beyond recognition.

He further said that, five people were critically

## LIFEWORDS

BY PASTOR ITUAH

Is it any wonder that the richest one per cent of the world's population owns 40 per cent of the total household wealth, while the bottom half of the world makes do with barely one per cent? The majority can be wrong. The reason they can be wrong is that they have the wrong assumptions about life, money and success.

Any person who desires to be a great success and be a leader both to themselves and to others must not take anything for granted. Let your knowledge become your power.

It takes vision, focus, determination, hard work, and grit to make a difference.

## TAKE HEART

BY ELLA RANDLE

"The fear-determined persons go about putting out the sun in other people." This happens when we focus on other people's faults and weaknesses. If you are ruled by fear, you not only go about putting out the light of others, you also extinguish your own light. - John McMurray-

THE English psychoanalyst McMurray spoke of people being either 'fear-determined' or 'love-determined'. There are two emotional attitudes through which human life can be radically determined. They are love and fear. The fear-determined have no sun in themselves and go about putting out the sun in other people. Whereas the love-determined have life in them, abundant life. They are the people who are really alive, of whom it can be said that they possess eternal life as a well within them perpetually springing.

Here are the thoughts that put out your own sun: "No use trying!", "I'm hopeless at that!", "I'll never learn!", "This is too difficult!" Each time you play these negative tapes, you extinguish your light, and negate your potential. And when you look at others and their perceived talent and success, you may feel envy - which is really a wish to extinguish the light of others.

Mary Jachs sums aptly: "As your heart's capacity for love and kindness grows, you'll find a great fullness of being, discover a warm kinship with all beings, and reveal the radiant heart within."



Rubble of the church building that collapsed in Ibadan.

and other sympathizers that saved the two survivors.

Governor Abiola Ajimobi of Oyo State and his wife, Florence visited the scene around 1.30am to give helping hands to those who were trapped under the rubbles.

When Vanguard visited the scene of the incident, all the working implements like head pans, shovel, clothes were

women fetching water for us survived".

All the corpses and those injured had been taken away from the site.

According to an eyewitness, the workers had finished the day's work and were waiting for the contractor to come and pay them their wages when the structures caved in suddenly.

He said: "They had finished working for the

governor said, regretting that it could happen despite repeated warning that people should ensure quality in everything they were doing, including building construction.

He ordered that thorough investigation be carried out on the circumstances surrounding the collapse of the building.

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