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Fuel tanker explodes, kills 2 in Funtua

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FUNTUA — A diesel tanker, yesterday, exploded and killed two persons at Bakin-Dutse in Funtua Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Eye witnesses said the deceased persons were the driver of the tanker and a welder.

The tanker was loaded with diesel, but had one of its compartments broken and a welder was called to repair it.

“While the welder was fixing the compartment, the tanker burst into flames and the driver and the welder sustained severe burns and were rushed to the hospital where they died,” an eye witness said.

The Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, unit commander in Funtua, Mr Rabi Usman, confirmed the incident and gave the registration number of the tanker as XA 224 FTA.

Usman advised tanker drivers to always be cautious with the vehicles, especially when they were loaded with fuel.

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