

12 in critical condition, as death toll in Ijegun pipeline explosion rises to 12

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LAGOS—death toll from the Ijegun pipeline explosion in Alimosho Local Government, Lagos State has increased to 12 persons, while 12 others admitted in three hospitals are in critical conditions.



Scene of Fire explosion from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC pipeline at Ijegun, under Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area[LCDA], Alimosho Local Government in Lagos state, Photo: Bunmi Azeez

Boy, 6, loses eye to leukemia, needs N25m for surgery(Opens in a new browser tab)

A commercial driver, identified as Austine, and the night watch, a citizen of Niger Republic identified as Bashir, were burnt to death at the scene of the incident. 10 others, who had sustained burns, died in the hospital.

Vanguard gathered that the 10 victims suffered over 70 degree burns and were receiving treatment from the state health facilities.

Though the state government did not release the names of the deceased, investigation by *Vanguard* revealed that of the 22 victims, Modiu, Afolabi and Adeboye families suffered the heaviest blow after the explosion.

Rescued victims

In a list of victims rescued and admitted at the Burns and Trauma Centre, Gbadaga General Hospital and Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, LASUTH, the Modiu family had eight members, Afolabi had six, while the Adeboyes had four members.

The eight members of the Modiu family admitted at Gbagada Hospital were Idiat Modiu, Fasilat Modiu, Jumoke Modiu, Oyinkansola Modiu, Kehinde Modiu, Taiwo Modiu, Zainab Modiu and Jemilat Modiu.

For the Afolabis, four of their children admitted at Gbagada were Amida Afolabi, Rokibat Afolabi, Rilwan Afolabi and Moruf Afolabi. Meanwhile, two of their children, Afolabi Fatiu and Afolabi Rashidat, were at LASUTH.

Also, the Adeboyes had four children— Adeboye Waris, Adeboye Azizat, Adeboye Taiwo and Adeboye Shakiru— rescued and admitted at LASUTH. And the last victim was Nnwbuife Emerokwa.

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Confirming the death toll, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Dr. Titilayo Goncalves, yesterday, disclosed the number of dead victims during a visit to Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, LASUTH, Ikeja.

Goncalves explained that out of the 22 victims rescued by the Lagos State Ambulance Service, LASAMBUS, nine were taken to LASUTH, 12 were taken to Trauma and Burns Unit, Gbagada General Hospital, while one is being managed at Alimosho General Hospital.

She noted that three died at LASUTH, while seven died at Gbagada General Hospital.

According to Goncalves, “unfortunately, due to the high degree of burns suffered by these victims, which is almost at 100 percent, we lost 10 of them but we are doing everything possible to ensure that no other life is lost.

“We will continue to do all in our might to provide intensive care for the remaining survivors and from reports received they are responding to treatment.

“Treatment of victims with high percentage of burns requires intensive care and management which should follow some treatment protocol. This is why I am appealing to families of the victims to be calm and cooperate with our health workers, as they care for their loved ones.”

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