

Gas explosion kills one, 2 in critical condition in Calabar

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CALABAR—An explosion at a gas dispensing company located on 77, MCC Road, Calabar, Cross River State, Wednesday, killed one person with two others left with severe burns.

It was gathered that the three staff that were caught in the explosion were working on the surface tanks when the explosion occurred.

One of the victims, whose name was given as Promise, reportedly died shortly on arrival at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital while the other two victims are receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital.

An attendant at a gaming shop, Ofuka, located at the complex where

the incident occurred, said the explosion, which is the second in the place, burnt down the roof of the house where the tanks were stored.

He said: "We heard some sound coming from the backyard where the SGL gas tanks are located and were told that workers were carrying out some repairs on the tanks but suddenly we heard an explosion and everybody ran out of the shop."

A team led by the supervisor of Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR, Mr Aboh, which visited the scene sealed off the place.

Cross River State Police Command spokesman, DSP Irene Ugbo, said the operators of the gas station will be invited for questioning.