

Petrol-laden truck rams into stationary vehicle, killing 2 in Rivers

● 3 killed, another injured in Benue mine pit collapse

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PORT HARCOURT—
OMERELU Community in
Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers
State was, yesterday, thrown into
mourning as two people lost their lives
while many had second-degree burns
as a truck loaded with petroleum product
rammed into a stationary vehicle that
went up in flame.

It was gathered that the driver of the
truck conveying the petroleum product
was dodging alleged extortion by some
security operatives on the Port Harcourt-
Owerri road before it veered off the road.

A source in the area, Henry Ezeorgu,
disclosed that the incident happened
around 6:00 am.

Ezeorgu narrated: "This
morning (Tuesday) a truck loaded with
petroleum products was moving towards
Imo State when some security people
that wanted to collect money from them
stopped the truck.

"The truck driver while trying to escape
lost control and hit a parked truck. The
accident caused a fire. Two people in the
truck were burnt to death while others
sustained serious fire burns."

The Rivers State Police Public
Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, who
confirmed the development said he was
not sure of the casualty, but added that
the Commissioner of Police in the state,
Friday Eboka, has ordered an

investigation into the incident.

However, Mr Chris Omordu, Chief
Press Secretary to the Chairman of the
LGA, noted that the Chairman, who was
disturbed by the reports, visited the
scene.

Omordu, who described the incident
as sad, said many property were damaged
in the fire, adding that the government
would not hesitate to investigate the
incident and bring the perpetrators to
book.

He noted that the chairman of the
LGA, Mr Samuel Nwanosike, has
promised that the government would
reach out to the people that lost their
property in the fire.

Also, yesterday, no fewer than
three persons were reportedly killed
and another injured during a mine
pit collapse at Torjir, Duejime area,
Anyiin in Logo local government area of
Benue State.

According to a source, Baba Ngutor,
"three of the workers died instantly while
others were seriously injured and were
transferred to a hospital in Anyiin.

"It was one of the workers who
managed to escape from the site that
ran to town to inform the people who
mobilised to rescue the victims."

The Logo LGA Council Chairman, Mr
Terseer Agber who confirmed the
development however said neither
he nor the state government knew
anything about the mining
operation in the area.