

3 die in Rivers tanker explosion

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PORT HARCOURT— Three persons have been confirmed dead in a tanker explosion that rocked Port Harcourt, Rivers State, yesterday.

The explosion happened at Obiri-Ikwerre area of Obio Akpor Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that a truck conveying gas cylinders fell on the Obiri-Ikwerre interchange and burst into flames.

It was learned that when the fire started, three of the cylinder exploded, creating panic and worsened the fire.

Residents of Rumuosi and Ozuoba in the council, were rattled

with unusual sounds, which many mistook for dynamite or strong explosive at first.

The tanker, believed to be carrying many cylinders of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), overturned and exploded while attempting to navigate the roundabout at the interchange on the East-West Road.

Sources said the explosion spread fire to a salon car with passengers, adding that many persons were burnt but that three people died.

The source said firefighters arrived the scene and put out the raging fire and condoned off the section of the road where the incident happened with police and other sister agencies helping to diverting traffic.