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NSIB COMMENCES INVESTIGATION INTO JIGAWA TANKER EXPLOSION THAT CLAIMED 94 LIVES AND INJURED 50 OTHERS

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The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) is aware to the tragic petrol tanker explosion that occurred in Majia town, Taura Local Government Area of Jigawa State, on Tuesday, October 16, 2024, claiming 94 lives and leaving 50 others severely injured.

According to reports, the incident happened around 11 pm when a petrol tanker, en route from Kano to Nguru in Yobe State, lost control and crashed, spilling its contents. As residents gathered to scoop the fuel, the tanker exploded, resulting in a massive inferno.

In line with our mandate to investigate accidents across all transportation sectors, the NSIB has deployed a go-team of experts to investigate the accident. The team will assess the circumstances surrounding the crash and the explosion to identify causal factors and provide safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families affected by this devastating accident. The NSIB is committed to uncovering the cause of the explosion and ensuring that safety lessons are learned,” said Captain Alex Badeh Jr., Director General of the NSIB.

Further updates on the investigation will be communicated as the NSIB team gathers and analyses evidence from the scene. In the meantime, citizens are reminded of the grave danger posed by scooping fuel from tanker accidents and are urged to avoid such scenes.

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