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## **CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA**

### **Press Release**

#### **FIRE INCIDENT AT CBN CALABAR BRANCH**

A fire incident occurred at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Calabar Branch on Friday, 11th March 2016. The fire, which broke out at about 12 noon in the banking hall of the premises, was apparently caused by a gas explosion from the air conditioners in the building which is undergoing some refurbishment at the moment.

As soon as the incident occurred, the CBN emergency alert system was activated, the Fire Service was called in, and the fire was immediately brought under control.

Following the explosion and fire, about twenty five (25) persons sustained various levels of injury, and are currently receiving treatment at hospitals in Calabar. Four of the injured have been discharged.

We are, however, very saddened to confirm that two of the critically injured, a CBN staff and a construction worker, have died at the hospital. We are now working with the bereaved families to determine next steps. More details will be made known to the public in due course.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isaac A. Okorafor', written in a cursive style.

**Isaac A. Okorafor**

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