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**EDUCATION MINISTER CONDOLES WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
AND PEOPLE OF LAGOS STATE OVER BLAST**

The Honorable Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu has condoled with the Government and people of Lagos State over the unfortunate pipeline explosion in Abule-Ado, Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos State, which occurred on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, claiming several lives in the process.

The Minister wishes to commiserate with all the families of victims of the disaster, praying to Allah to give them the fortitude to bear the irreparable losses.

The Minister is deeply saddened over the huge loss of lives, particularly that of Students and Teacher and among others.

Adamu Adamu sincerely extends his heart felt condolence to the Executive Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-olu, the parents, the Management and students of Bethlehem Girls college, Abule- Ado.

In particular, the Minister extolled the courage and bravery of the Vice Principal of Bethlehem collage, Rev. Sister Henrietta Alokha, who died in the process of evacuating the students of the College who were under her care.

The Minister said he understands from media reports that the Vice Principal may have escaped the inferno if she has chosen to run away , rather, she choose to risk her life trying to evacuate her students, thereby dying in the process.

Adamu Adamu said, Rev. Sister Henrietta Alokha deserves a Posthumous National Award, for the heroic act of sacrificing life for children under her care, maintaining that the supreme sacrifice paid by Rev. Sister Henrietta must not be allowed to go in vain.

**Ben Bem Goong**  
**Deputy Director (P&PR)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**