

Ephriam Che, Upper Nyos August 21, 1986

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Interview with Ephriam Che, whom witness the release of gas from Lake Nyos the evening of August 21, 1986. Ephriam witness the event from Upper Nyos, which is located above the lake.

Ephriam, what did you hear the night of August 21st 1987?

- **I heard noise.**
What kind of noise?
- **Noise that sounded like falling rain**
It sounded like falling rain. At what time did you hear the noise?
- **9:00 o'clock at night.**
9:00 pm. What did the noise sound like?
- **It sounded like this gazzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz...**
For how long did you hear this noise?
- **For one hour**
You heard it for one hour?
- **I heard it for one hour before it stopped.**
Did you feel the ground shake?
- **Yes, I felt the ground shake.**
Did the ground shake a lot?
- **Yes**
Did you go out and look at the lake?
- **Yes, I looked at the water and it was white.**
The water was white?
- **Yes, the water was white.**
Did you see smoke come out?
- **Yes, the smoke was like a white cloud.**
Like a cloud. Did you see the cloud of smoke head down the valley, towards Nyos?
- **Yes.**