

Several feared killed as bomb hits bus in Kwara

Several people were feared killed in a commercial bus which detonated on impact near the Woro community in Kwara State following an explosion in the early hours of yesterday.

But the state government confirmed the killing of a male occupant of the vehicle.

The explosion, said to have been from an improvised explosive device (IED), reportedly went off at about 7.43am, when the vehicle travelling from Wurumakoto village to New Busa, in neighbouring Niger State, ran into the device.

The driver, identified as Mallam Zunairu, was said to have unknowingly driven over the planted bomb,

The explosion reportedly killed the driver instantly and left several passengers severely injured, while others are feared dead.

The Nigerian Army said victims who sustained serious injuries were shifted to the General Hospital in New Busa for medical attention.

Rafiu Ajakaye, Chief Press Secretary to Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, who confirmed the incident, said: "The IED incident occurred on a road a distance from Woro. The device went off as a vehicle rode past it on Monday morning."

He added: "Sadly, the

man died instantly, while his passenger, a woman travelling with a little child, sustained injuries."

Meanwhile, security officials suspect that the explosive device was planted by armed groups operating

in the area, believed to be the same perpetrators behind a deadly attack in the Woro area last month.

The military said security officials have since been deployed to the scene.

During clearance op-

erations, another explosive device was allegedly discovered and defused by specialists from the Nigerian Army base in Kaiama.

Authorities noted that despite increased security presence in the Kaiama-

Woro corridor, criminal elements appear to have altered their tactics by resorting to the use of IEDs.

Meanwhile, police spokeswoman Toun Ejire-Adeyemi in Kwara state told The Associated Press that an investigation into the explosion has been launched.

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