

Abuja bombing: Family receives death threats

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The men who tried to blow up a factory in the FCT and shot three workers sent a text to the factory owner's family after the attack saying they were still trying to kill them.

The BEOFA water and yoghurt factory in Dutse-Alhaji was attacked and destroyed with dynamites on Saturday night. Two people were shot dead and one injured.

The daughter of owner Festus Iheyen, a retired Assistant General Manager (AGM) with the United Bank for Africa (UBA), received a text from the assassins threatening to trace and kill the family a day after the attack, according to a reliable family source.

The FCT police command have since downloaded and are analysing the text. They say they have not yet ascertained the identity of the sender or the motive for the attack.

The family member said: "Police investigators have asked Mr. Iheyen to provide them with information on people he is suspecting of keeping malice with or those he had problems with especially when he was in the active service of the bank.

"The police have asked several questions and there are clear indications that they are willing to do a thorough investigation into the matter. I am not aware if they have narrowed their findings to any particular individual or group

so far. But I know they are serious and firm on the matter."

Experts from the police bomb squad are also carrying out a thorough analysis on the 11 dynamites recovered from the scene of the explosion with a view to tracing the source of the explosives.

Five of the 11 dynamites had exploded at the scene destroying the factory and causing serious cracks and architectural destructions on adjoining buildings.

The only survivor of the attack, Mr. Daniel Kanmas was shot on his jaw by the gunmen and left him in the pool of his blood.

Early callers to the scene of the attack says Kanmas was unconscious and presumed dead at the time he was taken to an undisclosed hospital in the FCT.

However, doctors at the hospital told *Daily Trust* that Kanmas is responding to treatment. They said effort is being made to remove the ammunition from his jaw.

Police source said no arrest has been made yet by the investigators. The attackers did not also remove anything from the factory.

FCT police public relations officer, Mr. Nwoaha Uzoma a Deputy Superintendent of police said the command is working on the theory of assassination and assured that the suspects will be arrested.